

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist Society
of Wellesley Hills



February 2nd, 2020
Stewardship Sunday

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason

Worship Associate: Joan DeArtemis, M. Div.

Music Director: Suzanne Cartreine

UU Wellesley Hills Choir

Flash Mob Introit Choir

Acting DEFM: Michael Packard, MAPS

Sexton: Fernando Cristancho

Congregational Coordinator: Amanda Spinazzola

Hospitality Team Leader: Kathy Kaufmann

Ushers: Kathy Coolidge and Mark Shechtman

Greeter: Tom DeReimer

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

You are invited to light a candle for any joy or sorrow.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "St. Columba"
H. G. Ley

WORDS OF WELCOME

*HYMN #10 "Immortal Love"

COMMUNITY GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing and Rejoice
Trad.

CALL TO WORSHIP

UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING

**We light this chalice to illuminate our faithful way forward
as an inspirational community of hope.**

Together, we seek spiritual growth.

We strive for just and responsible action.

**We dedicate ourselves to leading lives of compassion
and purpose. Knowing how we have been blessed,
we choose to bless the world.**

*HYMN #410 "Surprised by Joy"

TIME FOR ALL AGES "Sophia's Guest"

PARTING SONG #414 "As We Leave This Friendly Place"

*As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to ev'ry face;
May the kindness which we learn
Light our hearts 'till we return*

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Kathy Coolidge

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hail, Sacred Music
W. Billings

***RECEIVING THE OFFERING** #380 "Old Hundredth"

*Rejoice in what we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere,
Rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.*

COMMUNAL PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION

KINDLED LAMPS & KINDRED SOULS

SUNG MEDITATION #1009 "Meditation on Breathing"

*When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love. (3x)*

RESPONSIVE READING #610 "The Journey of Love"

ANTHEM

Where You Go
S. Jedwab

SERMON

"Not A Valentine"

*HYMN #1029 "Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear"

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**Extinguishing this flame which has burned bright
in our midst, we revere what has been kindled
within each one of us — warmth in community,
the light of truth, a perpetual spark of hope.**

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Lifted Up
M. Barron

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

*This week's flowers were given by John Pattillo
"Happy Groundhog Day and Best Wishes to Bill Murray!"*

Plate Collection

This week's plate collection will help Burundian Unitarian refugees living in Kigali, Rwanda, to meet their basic needs. We hold a special relationship with members of the Burundi Unitarian Church since 2014 when we exchanged visits. The church is still functioning despite the civil unrest that plagues Burundi; unfortunately, many members have had to flee the country for their safety. A small group is living together in exile, supporting each other as they seek a better life. They need approximately \$700 per month, and their only source of support is the greater UU community. Checks should be made out to UUSWH and include "Burundi" on the memo line.

Following Worship This Sunday:

- **Black Lives Matter Vigil at 12:30 p.m.** on the Washington St. sidewalk with our Advocacy & Witness Task Force.
- **Touchstones Make-Up/Drop-in Meeting at 12:45 p.m.** in Rice House Library with Intern Minister Joan DeArtemis

Our Family Ministries

Would your child like to join the Faithkeepers' program? For those who wonder how children start in the program, look no further than the folders by the Sanctuary doors. In addition to containing visitor information cards and other quiet, educational activities to do, each folder has instructions and a sheet for children to complete a task while in the sanctuary. These folders are there every Sunday for new and returning children to use before they leave for Sunday school activities.

A Note From our Treasurer

Tax forms have been sent to everyone who contributed funds in CY2019 to UUSWH. If you did not receive yours, or if you have questions regarding what you did receive, please contact our Treasurer, Betsy Taylor.

Announcements

Community Chats with Rev. Kelly - Rev. Kelly will hold her February Community Chats at Quebrada Baking Co. from 2:00-4:00 p.m on Mon. Feb 2nd and Mon. Feb. 27th. Stop by then for tasty treats and casual conversation. If you would like to meet with Rev. Kelly to discuss a private matter, she is available by appointment Sunday through Wednesday; please email her to arrange a time.

"Our Faithful Practices" Starts Wed. Feb. 5th - This Spring 2020 adult religious education series helps people to find and foster those spiritual practices that support their spiritual flourishing. On the first Wednesday evening of the next three months (Feb. 5th, Mar. 4th, and Apr. 1st) at 5:30 pm in Rice House, Rev. Kelly and Joan will lead a 3-part series using the compendium Faithful Practices: Everyday Ways to Feed Your Spirit, available from the UUA InSpirit bookstore.

Pride Movie Night on Fri. Feb. 7th at 7:00 pm in Rice House - Join us for a February screening of *Elena Undone* where fate brings two diversely different women together and sets them on a collision course that will shatter their preconceived notions about love, life and the power of one's soul. Everyone is invited for this monthly film series sponsored by our LGBTQ Task Force where there will be popcorn, entertainment and a spirited discussion of the movie led by our Intern Minister Joan DeArtemis.

Our Next Appreciation Session is Sun. Feb. 16th - We will continue the exploration of values Rev. Kelly and Michael Packard started in December 2019 and invite those who missed the prior session to consider the few questions asked then. (Look for that list of questions in Parish Hall.) Our February session again clarifies and celebrates our common values, as we explore how our faith community defines itself and envisions its future. This next session is open to anyone wanting to support "Building Beloved Community" here.

Upcoming Events

The Silent Auction Returns on Sun. Feb. 16th and 23rd during Fellowship Hour - We welcome donations of vacation homes, dinners, goods, and services--whatever you are willing to contribute! Please contact Elaine Mittell about what you can offer, whether mundane or imaginative! Proceeds will benefit the UU Wellesley Hills operating budget.



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'Growing The Good' in 2020

This Sunday, during Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall, we launch our **2020 Stewardship Drive**, slated to conclude **Mar. 2nd**. The Stewardship Team hopes that this congregation will once again practice abundant generosity when making pledges. Your financial support allows us to build on the strong momentum we started last year, as we create a 21st-century congregation that keeps pace with the times *and* grows meaningful connections between people at UU Wellesley Hills. Feel free to discuss pledging with any of the three members of the **Stewardship Team**: Tim Fulham, Peter Stoner, and David Barnard.