

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist Society of
Wellesley Hills



March 1st, 2020
What is Consciousness?

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason
Worship Associates: Anne Stoner & Joan DeArtemis, M.Div.
Music Director: Suzanne Cartreine
Flash Mob Introit Choir
UU Wellesley Hills Choir
Acting DEFM: Michael Packard, MAPS
Sexton: Fernando Cristancho
Congregational Coordinator: Amanda Spinazzola
Hospitality Team Leader: Vicki Amalfitano
Ushers: Brenda Ross & Lisa Markey
Greeter: Tom DeRiemer

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

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

PRELUDE *Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele, BWV 657*
J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

***HYMN** #44 “We Sing of Golden Mornings”

COMMUNITY GREETING

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Tim Fulham

CHORAL INTROIT *Gloria*
J. Berthier

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** #191 “Now I Recall My Childhood”

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT Ted Rebholz

TIME FOR ALL AGES “The Grass-Eating Tiger”

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*

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Are...
Y. Barnwell

***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 #531 “The Oversoul”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Musette en Rondeau*
J. P. Rameau

SERMON “Self-Conscious?”

***HYMN** #126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***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.

Plate Collection

This week's plate collection will help the North Shore UU congregation in Lacombe, Louisiana pay off \$17,000 to retire their mortgage. In 2005, UU Wellesley Hills partnered with NSUUS and raised \$26,000 to pay their mortgage for a year after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on their congregation, forcing the relocation of many members and making it difficult for them to meet their financial obligations. Retiring their debt will position them for future growth in a region that is in desperate need of a liberal religious presence. Please make checks payable to UUSWH, with NSUUS on the memo line.

Following Worship This Sunday

Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil at 12:30 p.m. on Washington St.

Touchstones Drop-in Group at 12:45 p.m. in Rice House

Bylaws Working Group Discussion at 12:45 p.m. in the Sharp Room

Our Family Ministries

Have you heard about our Faith Keepers program for children? Ask Acting Director of Educational and Family Ministries Michael Packard how to get involved. Michael can also be found in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Table Time with Our Ministers - Rev. Kelly will hold her next Community Chat at Quebrada Baking Co. from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Mon. Mar. 9th and 23rd. Stop by then for tasty treats and casual conversation. Rev. Kelly is available for private appointments Sunday through Wednesday; please email her to arrange a time.

Soup with Friends Returns Mon. Mar. 2nd - Our Soup with Friends program will start with a 12:00 p.m. reflection in the Chapel and then moves Parish Hall, where a delicious community meal will be served by members of the Caring Community starting at 12:30 p.m. All are invited to join us!

Don't Miss Fostering Faithful Practices Wed. Mar. 4th -

Our Spring 2020 adult religious education series helps people to find and foster those spiritual practices that support their spiritual flourishing. On Wed. Mar. 4th (and again on Apr. 1st), Rev. Kelly and Joan will continue this 3-part discussion at 5:30 p.m. in Rice House, using the compendium Faithful Practices: Everyday Ways to Feed Your Spirit, available from the UUA InSpirit bookstore. The reading is recommended, not required! Please come to any or all of these sessions of "Fostering Faithful Practices" as we help one another to practice, practice, practice our faith in our daily lives.

Sign Up Today for a Circle Supper on Sat. Mar. 7th -

Circle Suppers are back for round two on Sat. Mar. 7th at 6:30 p.m.! As usual, we are looking for both hosts and guests. Hosts are responsible for the main course, and guests are asked to bring a potluck dish. People will be assigned to their particular hosts in the week prior to the dinners. If you can join, please email Vic Polk for more information.

Celebrate International Women's Day on Sun. Mar. 8th

— Join in this 2020 inaugural town-wide celebration of International Women's Day at 2:00 pm next Sunday at the Wellesley Village Church and hear Rev. Kelly and other speakers lift up all that woman have done together! The event is free and open to the public.

Help Us Preserve Democracy on Wed. Mar. 11th

- Join members of the UU Wellesley Hills Advocacy & Witness Task Force from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall as it co-sponsors this voter registration outreach project with Neighbors United Indivisible. We will send out postcards to individuals on a list provided by the NAACP, because they may have been purged from voter registration rolls in their state without their knowledge. Financial contributions to cover the costs of stamps will be welcomed. Contact Sheila Boyle with any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Sorting Sunday for Rummage - Sun. Mar. 22nd in Parish Hall All hands on deck! Please contact the Rummage Committee to get involved in the preparation for our annual Rummage Sale!

Annual Rummage Sale - Sat. Mar. 28th Invite your friends and family to donate to the sale, too! Rummage doesn't just raise church funds — it's also an environmentally-friendly event that benefits the whole community.

Plate Collections Total for February 2020

In February, the plate collections arranged by our Social Action Council raised more than \$3,000 in support of immigrant and refugee causes including the Burundi Unitarian refugees living in Rwanda, the UU Service Committee, and MIRA. Thank you all for giving so very generously!

Stewardship Drive: Growing the Good in 2020

We are almost at the end of another successful Stewardship Drive. The key point is that the last dollars may be the most important. They are the ones that determine whether we will be able to continue investing aggressively in our growth. We appreciate all of you who have pledged to date and look forward to receiving remaining pledges by this Sun. Mar. 1st. By the following Sun. Mar. 8th, we expect to have the final figures. We will announce those at our "Celebration Lunch" following the service in Parish Hall. Last Sunday, we heard Vic Polk's "Membership Moment." You can read it in our weekly newsletter on our website incase you missed it last Sunday.

-The Stewardship Team

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