# Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills



March 8th, 2020 International Women's Day 2020

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason Worship Associates: Joan DeArtemis, M.Div. Director of Music: Suzanne Cartreine Women of the UU Wellesley Hills Choir Violist and UUSWH Artist-in-Residence: Leanne Rabesa Acting DEFM: Michael Packard, MAPS Sexton: Fernando Cristancho Congregational Coordinator: Amanda Spinazzola Hospitality Team Leader: Sheila Boyle Ushers: Rick Watts & Tom Atkinson Greeter: Therese Kelly

# **CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS**

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

**PRELUDE**Passacaglia on an Old English TuneR. Clarke

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**\*HYMN** #212 "We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle"

**COMMUNITY GREETING** 

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** David Barnard

CHORAL INTROIT Bright Morning Stars are Rising Trad. American

# 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** #1026 "If Every Woman in the World"
- **TIME FOR ALL AGES** "A Journey to Freedom"
- 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

**RESPONSIVE READING** #575 A New Manifestation

WORDS OF OFFERING UU/UNO – Climate Work

OFFERTORY

*23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm* B. McFerrin

## \*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)

**READING** We Should All Be Feminists

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Chahagir* A. Hovhaness

**SERMON** "A New Day, A New Hour"

\*HYMN #168 "One More Step"

#### \*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**

Peace Be With You Till We Meet Again R. Vaughan Williams

## **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

Today's flowers are donated by the Srinivas Family in the spirit of friendship and community and in celebration of spring.

# **Our Plate Collection Today**

This week's plate collection will benefit the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO), a nongovernmental organization working in partnership with the UU Ministry for Earth and the Green Sanctuary program. The goal of the Climate Justice Initiative is to build the Unitarian Universalist environmental justice movement through education and advocacy and to collaborate with other climate change voices in and around the United Nations in order to promote a world that will be viable for us and for future generations. Please make checks payable to UUSWH with UU-UNO on the memo line. As always, please remember to clearly mark your pledge statements.

Last week, our plate collection to support the North Shore UU congregation raised over \$600 – thank you for all your support!

# **Following Worship This Sunday**

• <u>Worship Associate Task Force Meeting</u> @ 12:30 p.m. in the Sharp Room

# **Our Family Ministries**

One of the ways that children receive a badge in the Faith Keepers program is to be keepers of the tradition. A fun, quick way to do this is by ringing the bell before worship service. See Acting DEFM, Michael Packard, and find out how else your child can become a Faith Keeper of Tradition.

## **Activities & Announcements**

**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 <u>email</u> her to arrange a time.

**Celebrate International Women's Day on Sun. Mar. 8**<sup>th</sup> – Join in this inaugural town-wide celebration of International Women's Day at 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Wellesley Village Church and hear Rev. Kelly and other speakers lift up all that women have done together! The event is free and open to the public.

Help Us Preserve Democracy on Wed. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> -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.

**Pride Movie Night Returns on Sat. Mar. 21**<sup>st</sup> **at 7:00 p.m. in Rice House** – Join us for a showing of FRIDA, a biopic of the bold and controversial life of artist Frida Kahlo. There will be popcorn and a discussion, don't forget to bring your friends!

Nominate a Recipient for the Fourth March Plate

**Collection** - Our March plate collections will address concerns related to the climate crisis and environmental justice. Our recipients include the North Shore UUs in New Orleans, as well as UU Mass Action and the UU United Nations Office, which are advocating for local and global changes. The fourth weekly collection will go to a recipient chosen by the congregation! To nominate a recipient, send an email to info@uuwellesleyhills.org with a description of the organization and of how it is involved with climate change and environmental justice. Descriptions should be no longer that 100-words long and include a hyperlink. Be sure to get these in by today Sun. Mar. 8th! Nominees will be voted on by the congregation during Fellowship Hour on Sun. Mar. 15th, using rankedchoice voting.

**Don't Forget our Bristol Lodge Food Pantry Collection -** On the 3rd Monday of each month, our Bristol Lodge Task Force delivers a monthly meal and any items collected in the Food Pantry bin out in our Vestibule. Please drop off any non-perishable foodstuffs in the bin by Sun. Mar. 15th. Check our weekly newsletter for a list of recommended items.

**Interested in becoming a Sunday Morning Volunteer? -** For years now, we have been relying on the same generous souls to volunteer for the Sunday Morning Hospitality Team. While we're very grateful for their dedication, some of them now need to focus on other volunteer tasks, so we're reaching out to everyone in our community and offering you the opportunity to give back by offering hospitality to our members, friends, and guests. It's simple, easy, and rewarding! Please contact Marianne Laffitte or Sheila Boyle to get involved.

# **Mark Your Calendars**

Don't forget Sorting Sunday AND our Annual Rummage Sale on Sun. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sat. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> in Parish Hall - All hands-on deck! Please contact the Rummage Committee to get involved in the preparation for our annual Rummage Sale! 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.



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