

Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills



April 28th, 2024
We Are Keepers of Hope:
We Belong to Each Other

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

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

PRELUDE Gabriel's Oboe from the Motion Picture
The Mission

Ennio Morricone, arr. Patrick Denninger

***HYMN # 175** "We Celebrate the Web of Life"

WELCOMING WORDS

COMMUNITY GREETING

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Spirit of Life
Carolyn McDade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

REFLECTION "Keepers of Hope" Naomi Cameron

WORDS OF OFFERING

*Our collection today goes to support our Transylvanian
Partner Church in Torocko, Romania. Please donate online
using the ["Give"](#) page on our UUSWH website.*

OFFERTORY *Erev Shel Shoshanim* "Evening of
Roses** [Translation on back page]
Moshe Dor, Song of Songs, Josef Hadar, arr. Jack Klebano

*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 The 99 %

MUSICAL REFLECTION Where You Go
Ruth I:16-17/Shoshana Jedwab, arr. S. Cartreine

SERMON "We Are Keepers of Hope: We Belong to
Each Other"

***HYMN # 1014** "Answering the Call of Love"

*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 Jazz Alleluia
Thomas Benjamin

POSTLUDE *Ouverture to Armide*
Jean-Baptiste Lully, tr. Pierre Gouin

* Please rise as you are able

**** Offertory music translation [by Sara Kramer]**

Evening of roses Let us go out to the grove

Myrrh, fragrant spices and incense

Are a threshold for your feet.

CHORUS: Night falls slowly, and the wind of roses is blowing.

Let me whisper you a song, secretly, A song of love Dawn, a dove is cooing

Your head is filled with dew

Your mouth is a rose unto the morning

I will pick it for myself

Plate Collection

The monthly plate collection theme for April is **International Outreach** and today's collection will benefit our Transylvanian Partner Church in Torockó, Romania. In recent years, we have collected funds to supplement the minister's salary to insure that he receives a living wage. Right now he earns only \$564 per month beyond his housing, making it difficult for him to cover extraordinary expenses—like a new car! Earlier this year, his 23-year-old car finally had to be replaced. Later this spring, we will have another collection to fund a summer camp program. And later this year, we hope to welcome Rev. Martón and his wife Lilla to Wellesley and renew our special relationship.

Today

The Stewardship Task Force invites everyone to Parish Hall after the service for cake and ice cream sundaes for helping make this year's Stewardship campaign such a success. It took effort from everyone to make this happen, so let us all celebrate together!

This Week

All are welcome to join **UU Wellesley Hill's choir**. We typically rehearse Wednesdays 7:00—8:45 p.m. and sing for most Sunday services. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wed. April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft.**

Announcements

Diaper Drive

We will continue to collect donations of diapers and wipes in our large blue bin and deliver when we have a carful to send to the UUA. Contact Elaine Mittell with any questions.

We continue to **collect plastic bags** in three bins around our campus. So far, we have collected a total of 148 pounds of plastic since late January—last week was our biggest week yet! Please see the graphic on the bins to know what items are accepted. Drop off any time as we have two bins located outside.

Sunday Morning Support

We are still in need of people to sign up for Sunday morning support to finish out the church year. This includes worship (usher or greeter) and/or fellowship (hospitality) duties. You can sign up by filling in the poster in Parish Hall or by entering into the shared electronic sign-up sheet, available on the member page of our website.

Mark Your Calendar

Circle Suppers are coming soon! If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please contact Vic Polk ASAP. The dinners are on Saturday, May 4th and all hosts would like to know their guest list with enough time beforehand to properly prepare.

The Family Promise MetroWest “Walk to End Homelessness” is next **Sunday, May 5th** at Natick High School. We are signed up as the Wellesley UU Walkers again and our fundraising goal this year is \$1500—and right now we are just under halfway to our goal. If you would like to walk with us, the festivities begin at 12:00 and go until 3:00 p.m. For more information about how to donate or to register, contact Anne-Laure Lehman.

G Rockwell Bluegrass Concert

We welcome award-winning musician, songwriter G Rockwell and his bluegrass band to perform in our Parish Hall on **Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.** Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children 12 and under.

Golden Oldies Dance Party

Come and socialize, chat, and pretend you are 30 again! The party is on **Saturday, June 8th from 7-10pm** in our Parish Hall. Entry is \$20 at the door. Mocktails and light snacks will be served.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday, June 9th** immediately after our Annual Pride Worship Service. All members should plan to attend online (in Zoom) or in person to participate in this annual obligation of membership.



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