

“The tiger chasing me is not real./The fear I am fleeing so well is imaginary.../The palace I strain for so nobly is not real./My ambitions are a distraction./There is no treasure there...”

--Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, retired Methodist minister living in Maine

Order of Service for April 10, 2022: Adventures in Our Own Backyards

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Carrie Rice, Worship Associate

Nancy Cramblit, Pianist

Kathryn and Jim Vonderharr, Greeters

Elora Greiner, Zoom Host

Jeff Lowry, Hearing Assist

Treselia Greiner and Todd Schweim, Tech Squad

Deb Fitzloff, Children’s Chapel Facilitator, with CFD Director Macey Forsyth

We Gather and Invite

Opening Slideshow: To the Overture from the film “The Magnificent Seven” (1960) by Elmer Bernstein, performed by The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XDB7GMnbUQ>

See the current Weekly Update for all the Fellowship News:

<https://mailchi.mp/2a4eec9f71d9/april-6-2022-weekly-update?e=7c056a9674>

Greetings from the Whole Congregation (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Bell Chime

Call to Worship: “Awaken to This Gift” by the Rev. Gretchen Haley, White Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Foothills Unitarian Church of Fort Collins (CO)

Welcome

Special Announcements

We Worship by Deepening and Shaping-Worth

Chalice Lighting: Please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Reading: From *In the Body of the World* (2013) by Eve Ensler (b. 1953), an American playwright, performer, feminist, and activist. Ensler is best known for her play *The Vagina Monologues*.

Homily: Adventures in Our Own Backyards

Music: “Everything is Holy Now” by Peter Mayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiypaURysz4>

Meditation/Prayer: Adapted Prayer from 8th Century Buddhist monk Shantideva by the Rev. Karen G. Johnston, settled minister at The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, NJ.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/shantideva-prayer>

With Generosity, We Build Our Community Larger

Sorrows and Joys

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein.

Comfort me. Share my joy.

Comfort me, oh my soul. (2x)

Giving: With offertory #402 (gray hymnal) "From You I Receive" by Joseph and Nathan Segal (brothers and both rabbis who wrote and sang together in the 1960s-1980s)

Singing the Children In: #361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" (gray hymnal)

Enter, rejoice, and come in (2x). Today will be a joyful day. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song (2x). Today will be a joyful day. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts everyone (2x). Today will be a joyful day. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Story: *Be Still, Love Nature* (2020) written and illustrated by Dalia Jean, a White, Cleveland-based mother, educator, and author. Selected and read by our Director of Children's Faith Development, Macey Forsyth <https://youtu.be/9abAlplKv-8>

Reflection: Awake

Hymn: #298 "Wake, Now, My Senses" (gray hymnal), a traditional Irish melody with words by Thomas J.S. Mickelson.

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Singing Benediction: "Longtime Sun," the final three minutes of "A Very Cellular Song" written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter*.

May the longtime sun shine upon you/ All love surround you/And the pure pure light that's within you/Guide your way home.

In-person hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the Fellowship building

Zoom Break Out Rooms: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect. Please accept the invitation to join a room.