

“Awakening is not the creation of a new state of affairs but the recognition of what already is.”

—Alan Watts (1915-1973), an English philosopher, writer, and speaker known for interpreting and popularizing Indian and Chinese traditions of Buddhist, Taoist, and Hindu philosophy for a Western audience

Order of Service for April 17, 2022: Coming Alive to All that Life Makes Possible

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching
Susan Chambers Stevens, Worship Associate
Nancy Cramblit, Pianist
Bob Finley, Greeter
Elora Greiner, Zoom Host
Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist
Treselia Greiner and Jeff Lowry, Tech Squad

We Gather and Invite

Opening Slideshow: To “La Primavera” from *The Four Seasons* (1723) by Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), an Italian Baroque composer, virtuoso violinist, teacher, impresario, and Roman Catholic priest. Performed by Voices of Music, with Alana Youssefian playing baroque violin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LiztfE1X7E>

See the current Weekly Update for all the Fellowship News:

<https://mailchi.mp/115b25d9fee5/april-13-2022-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: “Everything Is Waiting for You” by David Whyte (b. 1955), a White, Anglo-Irish poet.

<https://onbeing.org/poetry/everything-is-waiting-for-you/>

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: “What to Remember When Waking” by David Whyte

http://www.stevenkharper.com/whattorememberwhenwaking.html?utm_source=pocket_mylist

Homily: Coming Alive to All that Life Makes Possible

Music: “Beautiful Day” (2000) by U2, an Irish rock band from Dublin, formed in 1976.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co6WMzDOh1o>

Meditation/Prayer: “The Season of Flowers” by the Rev. Paul R. Beedle, Unitarian Universalist minister serving First UU Church of New Orleans <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/season-flowers>

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)

From you I receive, To you I give

Together we share, and by this we live (2x)

Story: *All of Us*, written by Kathryn Erskine, a White Dutch-born writer of children's books, and illustrated by Alexandra Boiger, a White German-born illustrator active since 2005 who lives and works in Northern California. Selected and read on video by our Director of Children's Faith Development, Macey Forsyth <https://youtu.be/7oMBjaBWis0>

Reflection: Is the Day Really Beautiful?

Hymn: #6 Just as Long as I Have Breath, words by Alicia S. Carpenter and music by Johann G. Ebeling.

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.

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