

Sunday April 21st Service- Earth Day Service

Greeters hand out the Earth Day Card for people to fill out

Slide Enter Music: Peter Mayer "The Beauty of the World." on loop

Welcome and Announcements: Diane D

Good morning! I am **Diane Dobitz**. I am serving as Worship Associate this morning alongside Diane Langland, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato. All of you, whether joining us in person or on Zoom, are welcome in this time that we make sacred together.

We extend an especially warm welcome to you if this is your first time attending one of our worship services. We appreciate that it can be difficult to cross the threshold of a new church for the first time, whether in person or online.

Sunday Morning is a team effort and we are grateful for all those who help make it happen.

If you are attending by Zoom today, you are welcome to stay after the service to visit together. For those attending in person, we have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Land Acknowledgment (Diane D)

We acknowledge that our fellowship meets on the traditional homelands of the Dakota peoples. In continuing to understand our shared history, accepting responsibility for reparations and building relationships in the here and now, we want to go beyond land acknowledgment as we seek to be good relatives.

Announcements (Diane D): Announcements

Today we have a plant exchange, if you don't have a plant to share, no worries there is plenty for all. As you entered this morning our greeters gave you an Earth Day Card, please take a moment to write about the actions that you are doing to protect our earth and reverse climate change. We will share and read a few of these anonymously during service and then they will be posted on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall to inspire us all. We are highlighting an announcement for UU the VOTE that was in this week's WEEKLY. Next Sunday Karen Wills, who is MUUSJA's Democracy Strategist will be here to help us understand how to get started on writing postcards to get out the vote as we work to help save our democracy. Please try to attend the informational meeting after service with Karen during the hospitality hour. Pick up your coffee, etc. and join us in the meeting room.

Karen is also inviting others from the Mankato area, COPAL, Indivisible, LWV, etc. to join us on Sunday in this effort. So we may have guests who are collaborating with MUUSJA to protect our democracy.

Singing Bowl (Diane L chimes)

Chalice Lighting (Diane D, Diane L lights)

Hymn Teal Blue Hymnal #1073 "The Earth Is Our Mother." **CAT PLAY**
<https://youtu.be/Z2GF5eyUsfM?si=Hc6CL4vALdlengDz>

STORY Diane D

And now our Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth reads us all a story.

"Old Enough to Save the Planet".

Singing the Children to CFD Activities

Diane D (Nancy Plays)

Let's send our youngest now to Children's Chapel, with our familiar song, words on the screen.

Prayer/Meditation Diane L

Diane D (Nancy Plays)

Friends, I invite you to sing a song of comfort and joy binding our hearts and minds. The words on the screen and on the pew card.

Offering Music Recording "In Our Hands" Peter Mayer (Cat plays)
https://youtu.be/euSqO5tW6aY?si=vfCO_nRQ4uwdICWf **CAT Play**
SLIDE

Read Some completed Earth Day Cards

11:24 Music Pete Seeger "The Green Grass Grows All Around" **CAT Play SLIDE**

11:27 Chalice Extinguishing

11:28 Singing Benediction

Diane L introduces.

Friends, let us join in a final song together. Words on your Zoom screen and on the pew cards. Please turn towards each other as we sing.

Thus, we bless each other, and thus we are a blessing to each other.