

Dear UUFM Congregation,

Welcome to Sunday's service "A Blessing of the Animals: Bring Your Pet to Church Day." Below is the Order of Service and the Zoom login information for Jan. 31, 2021. Pet owners: Invite your dog, gerbil, parrot, snake, cat, turkey, turtle, whatever. We want to see your companions. Non-pet owners: think of an animal or two from the wild or domestic scene, an animal that fascinates you for any variety of reasons. Come celebrate our animal partners in the interdependent web of life.

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Order of Service for January 31, 2021: "A Blessing of the Animals: Bring Your Pet to Church Day

Karen Knox, Worship Leader
Dennis Cramblit: Worship Associate
Macey Forsyth: CFD Director
Treselia Greiner: Technical Director

Linda Ganske, Greeter
Elora Greiner, Greeter
John Knox, Backup Tech

We Gather

10:10 Gathering

10:20 Gathering Music: "Grande Valse Brillante, Op. 18" by Chopin

10:30 Announcements:

10:31 Bell Chime:

Singing #361 v 1-3 (gray hymnal) "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

Reading: "We gather our minds together to send greetings and thanks to all the Animal life in the world. They have many things to teach us as people. We see them near our homes and in the deep forests. We are glad they are still here and we pray that this will always be so.

Now our minds are one.

From A Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Prayer for the Animals

**Welcome and PowerPoint of Animal Photos: "Oh, We Give Thanks" #2010 (teal hymnal)
"Chariots of Fire" by Vangelis**

Special Announcements:

We Orient to Worship/Worth-Shaping

Chalice Lighting: Treselia Greiner

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.

Second Chalice Lighting: By Rev. Florence Caplow

Read by Dennis Cramblit

We light this chalice in honor of the animal realm,
Furred and hooved, two-legged, four-legged, many-legged,
Fanged and clawed, gentle and fierce, wild and tame.
May we remember that all animals are our relatives,
Worthy of our care and respect.

Singing: “How Could Anyone” #1053 (teal hymnal) Words and music by Libby Roderick, vocals by Shaina Noll, slides by Marcia Webster

Story: *The Bless You Bunnies: A Tail for All Ages* by LoraKim Joyner Read by Macey Forsyth

Singing: “All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir” by Bill Staines – video and lyrics recorded by Pastor MC Walker of St. Paul Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas

We Co-Create Religious Community

Sorrows and Joys: Please type into the Chat.

Bell Chime

Singing: To the tune of “**Comfort Me**” #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein

Accompanied by Jeff Lowry

Comfort me, share my joy

Comfort me, O my soul.

(Repeat)

Offering:

Offertory: “Circle of Life” from **The Lion King** (Instrumental demo from album “Walt Disney Records the Legacy Collection: The Lion King”)

We Take A Deeper Dive and Shift to Companionship in the Wider World

Sermon: “A Blessing of the Animals”

Song and Video: The Animals have asked to do the final song: “**Sounds of Silence**”

Chalice Extinguishing: Treselia Greiner

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,”

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

The final three minutes of “A Very Cellular Song” written by Mike Heron and performed the The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman’s Beautiful Daughter*, sung by UUFM Choir and Congregation accompanied by Nancy Cramblit

Bell Chime

Congregational Greeting (everyone will be invited to unmute)

Coffee Hour: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect