

Hearing-assistance headsets and large-print hymnals and orders of service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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## **INGATHERING**

Improvisation on “Now the Green Blade Rises”

## **WELCOME**

Linda Scerbinski, PUUC Governing Board

## **PRELUDE**

#1067 “Mother Earth Beloved Garden” words & Music by Amanda Udis-Kessler

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

Claudia Dery

## **OPENING WORDS**

Barbara Harlow

## **CHOIR HYMN**

“Tempus Adest Floridum” from the Piae Cantiones (1582)

*Readings adapted from “Love Letters to the Earth” by Thich Nhat Hanh*

## **READING #1**

Bev Spiro

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Love is the spirit of this congregation,  
and service is its call.

Let this be our covenant:

to dwell together in peace,

to seek the truth in love,

and to help one another. (James Vila Blake, adapted)

## **CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PRAYER/BLESSING**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123**

“Spirit of Life” (Carolyn McDade)

### **READING II**

Franz Feige

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

“Circle Dance” by Miriam Dunn

### **READING III**

Joy Flemming

### **GUIDED MEDITATION**

#### **REFLECTION**

“Beltane Today” Barbara Harlow

### **READING IV**

Stewart Harris

### **\* SINGING HYMN #347**

Gather the Spirit, words and music Jim Scott

### **TRANSITION TO MAYPOLE**

Off to the Maypole Music: Hymn #63 “Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers”

### **INTRODUCING THE MAYPOLE**

### **CLOSING WORDS**

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\*You are invited to rise

We are grateful to all of the volunteers who made this service possible: our welcoming board member, Linda Scerbinski; guest musicians, Eric Blackmer, David & Joy Flemming; Stewart Harris for the creation of the Maypole and his delicious pound cake. And much gratitude to the Tech Team for making Zoom possible. Thank you all!

## **PUUC Mission Statement**

We nurture a loving, inclusive, spiritual community  
embracing all ages;

We witness for our liberal Unitarian Universalist faith  
with compassion and generosity;

We serve and inspire the local and global community  
through social action and the arts.

As a certified Welcoming Congregation,  
we offer a religious home for people of  
all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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## **PETERBOROUGH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**



### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

MAY 5, 2024

### **BELTANE TODAY**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
BARBARA HARLOW

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE**  
CLAUDIA DERY

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
MEGAN HENDERSON

Masks are optional and are available from the ushers.

The sunflowers on our altar each week remind us to hold the people of Ukraine--and all who suffer the violence of war-- in our caring, our hopes, and our prayers.



## PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### **Tuesday, May 7**

9:30 am, CoSM, off site

12:30 pm, Worship committee, Carll house

6:00 pm, Meditation, parish hall stage

### **Wednesday, May 8**

3:30 pm, Caregivers group, parish hall stage

5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

### **Thursday, May 9**

5:00 pm, Care Network, Zoom

### **Friday, May 10**

6:00 pm, Sacred Circle Dance, parish hall

### **Saturday, May 11**

7:00 pm, Auction, parish hall

### **Sunday, May 12**

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary

## **CIRCLE DANCE by Miriam Dunn 8-17-23**

Circles they are all around us  
From the planet we are living on to the moon up in the sky.  
Circles and cycles keep on turning  
From birth until we die  
the cycles of our lives  
Guided by the tides  
As Hands go round the clock and time flying by

And when we cast a circle east to north to west to south  
and center in  
The seasons going round round and round Spring Summer  
Fall and Winter then Spring again

The wheels the gears the passing years  
The center of the flowers holding on to the petals as they  
dance  
Our hands join in a circle as our hearts  
Constrict and expand  
If I remain open  
Then my heart may be broken  
As I take the chance through friendship and romance.

Spinning in a circle as our journey goes by way too fast  
Wanting it slow down  
Hold on as we go round  
Afraid we're going to lose our grasp.  
We just want to make it last.

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