

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

INGATHERING

"And the Earth Spins" (P. Halley)

WELCOME

Darline Harris, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

"Gymnopedie no. 1" (E. Satie)

CHALICE LIGHTING

(Jennifer McGlothlin) read by David Robins

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SINGING HYMN #1064**

"Blue Boat Home," words, Peter Mayer; music, Roland Prichard

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

John Gourlay and Anne Fischer

MUSIC

"The Seeds of Dreams," words and music, Miriam Dunn

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Mother Nature's Son" (Lennon, McCartney)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade)

MINDFUL MOMENT

(Adapted from Joanna Macy and John Seed)

*** SINGING**

"Inch by Inch" (Dave Mallet) Played by Megan Henderson
& led by Miriam Dunn

SERMON

"Wednesday Afternoons in Peterborough" by Bryan Field

MUSIC

"It Matters," words and music, Miriam Dunn

BENEDICTION

(Diana Smith)

*** SINGING HYMN #163**

"For the Earth Forever Turning" (Kim Oler)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

"Doctor Gradus Ad Parnassum" (C. Debussy)

*You are invited to rise

It takes many volunteers to create worship: the supportive voices in our choir, our trusty tech team, a board member, a worship assistant, ushers, greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers. Let us all thank those who have made worship possible today!

PUUC Mission Statement

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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
APRIL 21, 2024

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

WORSHIP LEADER
BRYAN FIELD

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE
REV. DAVID ROBINS

MUSIC DIRECTOR
MEGAN HENDERSON

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WE, THE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations

and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

THE LIVING TRADITION DRAWS FROM MANY SOURCES:

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations, we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

THE SEEDS OF DREAMS

By Miriam Dunn

01/02/24

Chorus

Turn the media off

Go out for a walk

Among the trees in the forest

Listening to the singing of the streams

I can breathe here with nature near in touch with my senses
Break down the fences and the question the senselessness
(support the defenseless)
And try to sow and grow the seeds of dreams
(End repeat last line)

Why is the world so filled with madness

The laws are going backwards

There are wars, and hate and sadness

I try to stay in a place of love and caring

At times it's overbearing

And I wonder when we lost sight of humanity

Some are threatening democracy

(Chorus)

When is enough enough

When did we forget to love

The phones are blowing up

With headlines full of loss and grief

When it all turns upside down

Don't get turned around

Look for sacred ground And find relief

Chorus

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IT MATTERS

by Miriam Dunn

03/20/24

It matters how the animals are treated
It matters how the fields are seeded
It matters yeah it matters
It matters for future generations
It matter for all of earth's creations
It matters yeah it matters.

So what are we supposed to do?
To keep the things that matter keep on being true
What are we supposed to do?

We can shop from a farmer who is local
We can use our voices to be vocal
It matters yeah it matters
We can keep the earth protected
We are all connected and effected a
It matters yeah it matters

It matters how we treat our planet
It matters that we eat food that is organic
It matters yeah it matters

We can vote for politicians who are caring
For the damage done we can begin repairing
It matters yeah it matters
We can acknowledge the climate is changing
We can start making changes that need changing
It matters yeah it matters.

Repeat first verse
(End) It matters oh how it matters!

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Inch by Inch

Dave Mallet

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
And inch by inch and row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
'Til the rains come tumblin' down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
Man is made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand
Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land

Plant your rows straight and long
Temper them with prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care
An old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree
And in my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there
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