

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

INGATHERING

"What The World Needs Now Is Love (Hal David and Burt Bacharach) performed by Handbells of Peterborough: Barbara Harlow, David Flemming, Ellen Levy, Joy Flemming, Mary Ellen Bushnell, Peggy Brown, Sarah Burt, Susan Garcia

WELCOME

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (Carlton Young; arranged by Jason Young; transposed by Ellen Levy)

CHALICE LIGHTING

led by Stewart Harris

TIME FOR ALL AGES

"Being Human" Rev. Lane

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Rebecca Edmiston-Lange)

*** SINGING HYMN #128**

"For All That Is Our Life" (Bruce Findlow, words; Patrick L. Rickey, music)

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Peal con brio (Karen Thompson)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade; transposed by Carol Hamilton) Congregation will join the second time through.

READING I

from "Last Night as I Was Sleeping" (Antonio Machado)

SERMON PART I

"Forgiveness: Ultimate Healing?" (Rev. Lane)

SINGING MEDITATION #1031

Filled With Loving Kindness (Traditional Buddhist words, adapted by Mark W. Hayes; Ian W. Riddell, music)

READING II

"Prayer Before the Prayer" (Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu in The Book of Forgiving)

SERMON PART II

*** SINGING HYMN #1014**

"Answering the Call of Love" (Jason Shelton)

RESPONSIVE READING

(Amanda Udis-Kessler)

SEE INSERT

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; arranged by Arnold Sherman)

*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

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
APRIL 28, 2024

FORGIVENESS: ULTIMATE HEALING?

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SPECIAL MUSIC
HANDBELLS OF
PETERBOROUGH

Masks are optional and are available from the ushers.

Today's flowers are given by Anne Twitchell in loving memory of Peter.

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, April 30

4:00 pm, On Repentance and Repair discussion, Zoom

6:00 pm, Meditation, parish hall stage

7:00 pm, Social Justice, Zoom

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

Thursday, May 2

3:00 pm, The Third Act, parish hall stage

Saturday, May 4

1:00 pm, Memorial Service for Suzanne McDonald

Sunday, May 5

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary

RESPONSIVE READING (Amanda Udis-Kessler)

One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do,

Many: Caught up in our self-righteousness, honing our pain.

One: The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness

Many: And we are not obliged to offer it.

One: Why, then, should we forgive?

Many: Because we have all caused pain.

One: Because we all miss the mark.

Many: Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.

One: Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.

Many: Because we would be forgiven ourselves.

One: Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.

Many: Because the alternative is endless bitterness.

One: Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.

Many: Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.

One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.

All: Let us take the first step now.