

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

INGATHERING

"A Trio of Chaconnes" (L. Couperin)

WELCOME

Bryan Field, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major (J. S. Bach)

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Lane Fisher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lane and Megan Henderson

*** SINGING HYMN #348**

"Come, Sing a Song With Me" (Carolyn McDade),
introduced by Stewart Harris

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)

*** SINGING HYMN #151**

"I Wish I Knew" (Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas, words and
music, arr. by Mary Allen Walden), introduced by Jean
Robins

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (James Weldon Johnson, words—
follow in hymn #149—and J. Rosamond Johnson, music; arr. by
Roland M. Carter; sung by the Aeolians of Southwood University,
conducted by JasonMax Ferdinand), introduced by Dottie Bauer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Gracias a la Vida" (Violeta Parra), introduced and sung
by Pedro Sandin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*** SINGING HYMN #83**

"Winds Be Still" (Richard S. Kimball, words; Samuel
Sebastian Wesley, music), introduced by Susan Stanbury

*** SINGING HYMN #108**

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song" (early Quaker words;
American gospel tune), introduced by Megan Henderson

*** SINGING HYMN #148**

#148 "Let Freedom Span Both East and West" (Jacob
Trapp, words; African American spiritual), introduced by
Rev. Lane for Todd Herrmann

*** SINGING HYMN #1064**

"Blue Boat Home" (Peter Mayer, words; Roland Hugh
Prichard, melody; keyboard, Jason Shelton), introduced by
Bryan Field

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints" (Ralph Vaughan Williams, music)

*You are invited to rise

It takes many volunteers to create worship: today, everyone who named
a favorite hymn, our wonderful tech team, a board member, ushers,
greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers—
and every one of you who sang. 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 12, 2024

HEARTSONGS

WORSHIP LEADER

MEGAN HENDERSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE

REV. LANE FISHER

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.

The flowers this Sunday are given by Seth McGovern and dedicated to mothers everywhere and all they do to make the lives of those around them magical.



PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 pm, Meditation, parish hall stage

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

Thursday, May 16

4:00 pm, Property Committee, Zoom

Sunday, May 19

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary

11:30 am, Annual Congregational Meeting, sanctuary

Thank You, Life

Violeta Parra[1]

Thank you, life,
for giving me so much:
the two bright stars,
which, when open,
allow me to tell
black apart from white;
and to see the starry
backdrop
of the dark canopy above,
and, in the midst of crowds,
to behold the face
of the woman I love.

Thank you, life,
for giving me so much.
You've given me sounds
and you've given me the
alphabet,
and, along with them, the
words
that I speak and intone:
mother, friend, brother,
and you've given me the light
that shows me the way
to the soul of the one I love.

Thank you, life,
for giving me so much.
You gave me my heart
whose frame shatters
when I see the fruit
of the human brain
when I see the good
so far from the bad...
when I look into the depths
of her light-colored eyes.

Thank you, life,
for giving me so much.
You've given me laughter
and you've given me tears
which let me tell joy
apart from sorrow:
the raw materials
that give shape to my song
and to your song,
which is the same song,
and to everybody's song,
which is my very own song.

Thank you, life.

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[1] Loosely translated by Pedro Sandín