

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

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## **INGATHERING**

"Chorale Prelude XI" (G. P. Telemann)

## **WELCOME**

Sarah Dengler, PUUC Governing Board

## **PRELUDE**

"Two-Part Invention No. 8" (J. S. Bach) with David Flemming, flute, and Joy Flemming, bassoon

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

(Adam Slate) Stewart Harris

## **TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. Lane

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Gretchen Haley)

## **\* SINGING HYMN #188**

"Come, Come, Whoever You Are" (Rumi, words, adapted; Lynn Ungar, 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**

"For Everyone Born" (B. Mann/S. Mann, arr. Tom Trenney)  
UU Peterborough Choir

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE #123**

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade)

## **REFLECTION PART I**

"What Makes a 'Church' a Spiritual Home?" Rev. Lane

## **\* SINGING HYMN #1053**

"How Could Anyone" (Libby Roderick)

## **REFLECTION PART II**

## **\* SINGING HYMN #354**

"We Laugh, We Cry," verses 1, 3, 4 (Shelley Jackson Denham)

## **BENEDICTION**

(Kent McKusick)

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **POSTLUDE**

"I Got Rhythm" (G. Gershwin)

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\*You are invited to rise

It takes many volunteers to create worship: everyone who responded to the title question, instrumental and choral musicians, our hardworking 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 our gathering 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.

### **MINISTER**

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## **PETERBOROUGH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**



**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
MAY 19, 2024

**WHAT MAKES A 'CHURCH' A  
SPIRITUAL HOME?**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
REV. LANE

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT**  
STEWART HARRIS

**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.

The flowers this Sunday are given Jean and David Robins in appreciation for the life and the love of this congregation.



## **PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, May 20**

10:30 am, Membership Committee, Carll house

### **Tuesday, May 21**

12:30 pm, Worship Committee, Carll house  
5:00 pm, Governing Board, P'bro town library  
6:00 pm, Meditation, parish hall stage

### **Wednesday, May 22**

4:00 pm, Letter writing, parish hall  
5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

### **Friday, May 24**

6:30 pm, Music Soiree, parish hall

### **Sunday, May 26**

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church is to nurture a loving, inclusive, spiritual community where all ages celebrate together. With compassion and generosity, we witness for our liberal Unitarian Universalist faith, and we serve and inspire the local and global community through social action and the arts.

**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.