



## Sounding of the Gong

## Welcome & Announcements

Steve Goldberg, Worship Associate

## Choral Opening

*Kang Ding Flower Song*

Chinese Folk Song

arr. by Victor C. Johnson

Cherub and Choristers Children's Choirs

## \*Opening Words

from Robert Frost

## \*Lighting of the Chalice

In the mystery of life about us there is light.  
It gives us a place to be, to grow, to rejoice together.  
It opens the pathways to love.

In this place of friendship there is freedom.  
Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope,  
wide in goodwill, inviting the days to come.

—George Kimmich Beach

## \*Exchange of Friendly Greetings

## \*Ingathering Hymn & Flower Processional

#305 • *De Colores*

## Consecration of the Flowers

from Norbert Capek

## A Time for All Ages

## Special Music *(children may leave after the choir sings)*

*Sing a Spring Song*

Jill Gallina

Incorporating Mendelssohn's *Spring Song*

Cherub and Choristers Children's Choirs

## Reading

*For the Flowers have the Gift of Language*

by Richard S. Gilbert

## \*Hymn

#8 • *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

## Reflections

by Doug E. Wadkins, Interim Senior Minister

## Offering

*Children of the Universe*

Jason Shelton

Heather Thorpe, soprano; Linda Warren, piano

Our offering this weekend is donated in its entirety to our **Partner Church Program**. Your donations allow us to assist in sending students in our Partner Church village of Nagyajta to high school, support their music program and also support the education of a UU student in Canlaon Bay, in the Philippines. Thank you for your generosity!

## Cares of the Congregation

## Responsive Reading for Flowers and People

(Please see your insert)

## Flower Ceremony

## \*Closing Hymn

#63 • *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*

## \*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

*Song of Myself* by Walt Whitman

## Postlude *(please be seated)*

*A Day in the Mountains*

arr. by Jason Shelton

Heather Thorpe, soprano; Linda Warren, piano



# Unitarian Universalist Sources

## **The living tradition we share 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 which 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.
- use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 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.

## Our Continuing Bond of Union

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring a religious organization in the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, which shall make integrity of life its first aim, and leave thought free, associate ourselves together as the First Unitarian Society of Madison and accept to its membership those of whatever theological opinion, who wish to unite with us in the promotion of truth, righteousness, reverence and charity among all.

*Formulated in 1879, adapted and reaffirmed in 1980.*

Doug E. Wadkins, Interim Senior Minister  
Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Congregational Life  
Carin Bringelson, Student Minister  
Drew Collins, Music Director  
Linda Warren, Assistant Music Director  
Heather Thorpe, Director of Children & Youth Choirs  
Monica Nolan, Executive Director  
Leslie Ross, Director of Children's Religious Education  
Janet Swanson, Director of Membership & Adult Programs  
Michael A. Schuler, Minister Emeritus

*All money received in the basket, that does not have a designation (via a check memo line or a note accompanying cash) will be donated in accordance with the minister's announcement at services. This typically includes a 50% designation for a community organization and 50% for FUS's general operating expenses. Pledge payments may also be placed in the basket, however they must include a memo stating "Pledge Payment."*



“And when they go home, each is to take one flower just as it comes without making any distinction where it came from and whom it represents, to confess that we accept each other as brothers and sisters without regard to class, race, or other distinction, acknowledging everybody who is ready and willing to go along in search of truth and service.”

~ Norbert Capek



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Sunday, May 19, 2019  
9 & 11 am in the Atrium Auditorium