

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Order of Service

April 28, 2024

“Before spring becomes beautiful, it is plug ugly, nothing but mud and muck. I have walked in the early spring through fields that will suck your boots off, a world so wet and woeful it makes you yearn for the return of ice. But in that muddy mess, the conditions for rebirth are being created.” ~ Parker Palmer

Making the Most of Muck

Prelude

Spring: Reimagined

James Stewart

Antonio Vivaldi; arr. James Stewart

Chime

Call to Worship

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Chalice Lighting

“We kindle this flame to remind ourselves of the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of commitment.”

Encendemos esta llama para recordarnos de la luz de la verdad, la calidez de la comunidad y el fuego del compromiso.

Welcome

Judy Brook

Hymn #1009

Meditation on Breathing

Time for All Ages

What to do With Monkey Poo?

Rev. Karen

Singing the Children Out

As you journey, as you journey

May you know, may you know

Love and hope go with you, love and hope go with you

Learn and grow, learn and grow

Reflection

Spiritual Practices

Generosity Practice

Offerings this month will be shared with the Intervale Center, which implements innovative, replicable and place-based solutions to address some of agriculture's most pressing problems. They are transforming the food system from one that is degrading, anonymous and industrial, to one that is restorative, familiar and human-scale, and are working to foster a local food economy that is good for people and the planet.

Learn more at intervale.org.

Pastoral Prayer & Stillness

Introduction to Stone Ritual

Musical Meditation/Offertory

Musical Selection *Hymn #123 Spirit of Life*

Offering Dedication

"With gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the service of our mission to inspire spiritual growth, care for each other and our community, seek truth, and act for justice."

Sermon Making the Most of Muck

Hymn #1021 Lean on Me

Chalice Extinguishing

"We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts and share with the world until we are together again."

Apagamos esta llama, pero no la luz de la verdad, el calor de la comunidad ni el fuego del compromiso. Estos los llevamos en nuestros corazones y los compartimos con el mundo hasta que estemos juntos nuevamente.

Benediction

Postlude *I Can See Clearly Now*
Johnny Nash
Nashco Music inc.
arr. James Stewart

TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

Senior Minister

Worship Associate

Director of Music

Tech Manager

Tech Team

Facilities Manager

Flowers

Wreath

Welcome Ambassadors

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Judy Brook

James Stewart

Michael Wright

Memphis Everest, Adele deRosset

Blake Ewoldsen

Peggy Derby

The Blue Marble NASA 1972

TODAY'S EVENTS

9:45 am - Nursery Childcare - lower level

10:15 am - Faith Development Programs for Children & Youth:

Spirit Play (PreK-2nd Grade), Undercover Kindness Agents (2nd-5th) - lower level

Middle School Youth - Susan B. Anthony Room

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Outside

11:30 am - Meet the Budget - Sanctuary

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