

# FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Easter Day

Sunday, April 12, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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## PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

*Beethoven, arr. by P. Tate*

## OPENING WORDS

No. 628, "Rolling Away the Stone"

*Sara Moores Campbell*

## HYMN

No. 269, "Lo, the Day of Days Is Here"

*Llanfair*

Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!  
Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!  
At the southwind's genial breath — Alleluia!  
Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!

Fields and smiling in the sun, Alleluia!  
Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!  
Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia!  
'Tis the springtide of the year, Alleluia!

Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!  
Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!  
Join, you people all, and sing — Alleluia!  
Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!

## CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice for the light of truth,  
the warmth of love,  
and the fire of commitment.  
We light this symbol of our faith  
as we gather together.

## DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies  
let songs of hope and faith arise;  
let peace, good will on earth be sung  
through every land, by every tongue.

## STORY FOR ALL AGES

## SINGING THE CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY

May peace surround you, may love surround you  
as you go, as you go, as you go on your way. (Repeat)

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN

No. 123, "Spirit of Life"

*Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

READING

Matthew 28:1-10

INTERLUDE

Simple Gifts

*Traditional Shaker Hymn*

SERMON

As Far as the World Is Concerned

HYMN

No. 266, "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

*Noel Nouvelet*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Love's touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC

May Sunshine Light Your Way

*Albrecht and Althouse*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME

The preacher is the Reverend Brian Mason. The worship leader is Julie Trombley. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz on piano and Dänika Kozlovich.

## OUR MISSION

*To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding—allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.*

## OUR VISION

*We are a safe haven, where all are accepted, valued, and connected. We support and encourage each other in exploring our religious, spiritual, and intellectual paths. Through our shared ministry, music, and meditation, we rejoice and mourn together. We are active partners in service to others. We bring light to social justice issues and are conduits for sparking change in ourselves, our community, and the world.*

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