

February 13, 2022

## Notes from the Music Department

With the help of today's song leader, Wendy Galbraith, our congregational service music begins with "**Shabbat Shalom**," a joyful greeting from the traditions of the Hebrew Old Testament. "May the peace of God be with you on this Sabbath Day!" (The repeat signs will help remind you that each section is sung two times.)

Karl Heinrich Graun (1704-1759), music director in the court of Frederick the Great of Prussia, was considered to be one of the most important German composers of operas in his time. Two of his operas were written to librettos by Frederick! The title of today's offertory, "**Andante**" refers to both the mood of the music and its sedate walking tempo.

In a nod to Valentine's Day, we are singing two very different "love" songs. The lyrics of our prayer hymn, "**What Wondrous Love**," have been rewritten in the Universalist Unitarian style to reflect our need for friendship and connection while the gospel style "**Love Will Guide Us**" calls us to change the world with our love.

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Founder of the singing group, *Work o' the Weavers*, James Durst (1945-2016), wrote the music for this powerful folk style piece in 1997 after Amgad Naguib, a young Egyptian participant in the International Camp for Conflict Resolution shared this poem that he had written. The strength of these thoughts resonate as much today as they did 25 years ago.

### **I Am a Seed of Peace**

Amgad Naguib

James Durst

I am a seed of peace, seed of peace, a seed of peace,  
I am a seed, a seed of peace,  
I am a seed, I am a seed of peace,  
Peace, peace, peace, peace.

People of peace, rejoice, rejoice,  
For we have united into one voice,  
A voice of peace and hate of war,  
United hands have built a bridge between two shores.

I am, I am, I am a seed of peace!

We on the shores have torn down the walls,  
We stood hand in hand as we watched the bricks fall.  
We've learned from the past and fear not what's ahead,  
I know I'll not walk alone but with a friend instead.

I am a seed, a seed of peace.  
I am a seed, I am a seed of peace.  
Peace, peace, peace, peace.  
Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Our familiar and beloved Buddhist meditation was originally set to music by Ian Riddell.  
Pennsylvanian David. M. Glasgow recently arranged it for this more complicated choral  
rendition.

### **Filled With Loving Kindness**

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be filled with loving kindness, May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

May you.....

May we.....

May all.....

The lyrics for this soldier song from the Democratic Republic of Congo translate as "At the foot of the pineapple tree, Yaku ladles a banana into his aunt's red hat." You will hear the song in unison first. The choir will then break into a boisterous three part canon that culminates with a sudden finish. There are many recordings to be found on YouTube of this lively song, all of them delightful.

### Si Si Si

Si si si si dolada, yaku sine ladu banaha.  
Si si si si dolada, yaku sine ladu banaha.  
Banaha, banaha, yaku sine ladu banaha.  
Banaha, banaha, yaku sine ladu banaha.  
Ha, banaha, yaku sine ladu banaha.  
Ha, banaha, yaku sine ladu banaha.

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## Music Making Opportunities

Practices for our vaccinated and masked Adult Choir continue Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 in our well ventilated atrium. For more information about joining, please contact me at [margaretjerz1@gmail.com](mailto:margaretjerz1@gmail.com).

The UU Drum Club (also vaccinated and masked) meets Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 at 1005 Steuben St. Wausau. All instruments (authentic African and Caribbean) are furnished.

