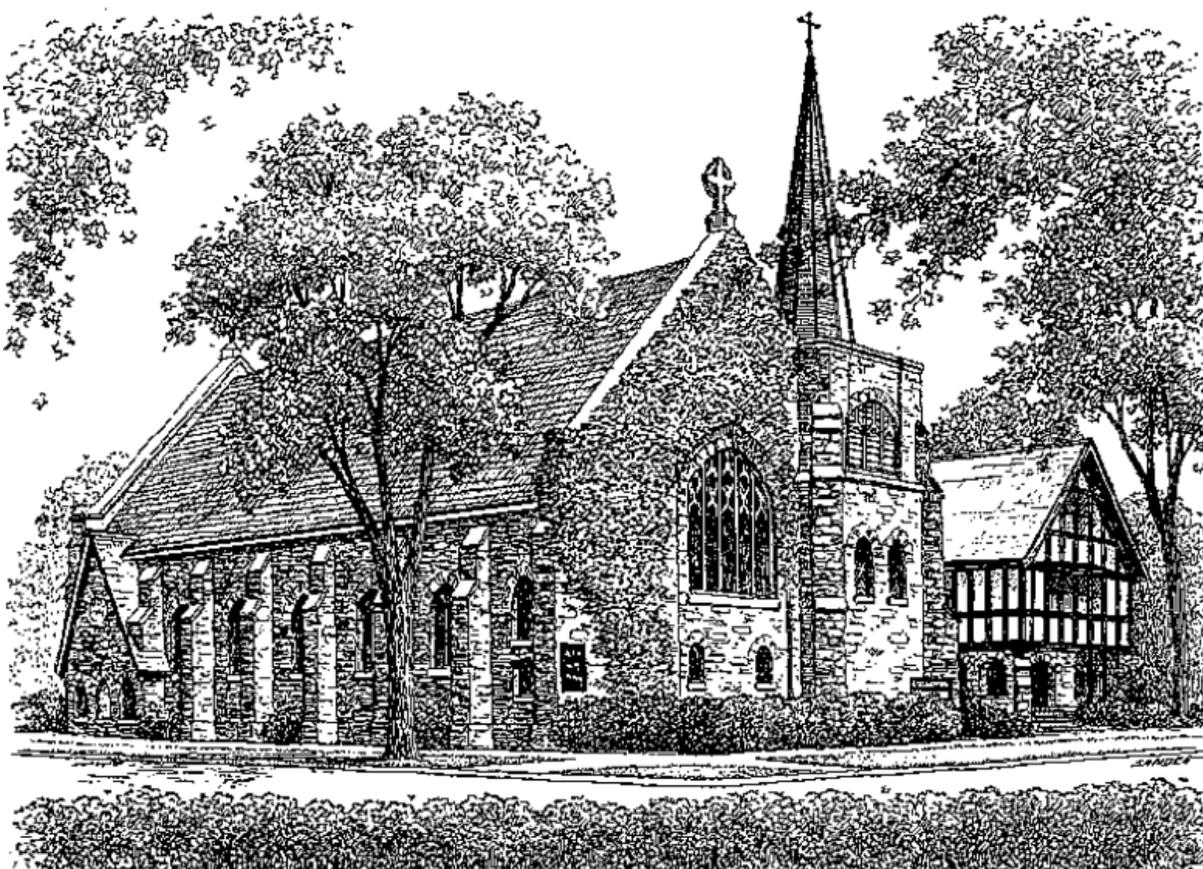


FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 20, 2022
10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BELLCHIME

PRELUDE

“This is My Song”

Jean Sibelius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

The hours of day and night are in balance.
In honor of Earth-centered traditions that
celebrate this time of year,
we observe that the flaming chalice
holds the elements of the four directions:
Earth, air, fire, water.

The lamp oil for the earth
The air that feeds the flame
The fire we light
And the chalice itself, the cup,
the symbol of water
We light our chalice
and reflect on
the balance we seek in our lives,
the balance we seek in our hearts,
the balance we seek in our world.

*OPENING HYMN No. 38

“Morning Has Broken”

*AFFIRMATION

**Love is the doctrine of this church:
The quest of truth is its sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall grow
into harmony with the Divine—
Thus do we covenant with each other.**

*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

CHILDREN'S SONG

Juliana Nord

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

OFFERTORY

“Waltz, Op. 39, No. 15”

Johannes Brahms

UNISON READING *(located on the white insert)*

MEDITATION

MEDITATION HYMN No. 352 *(sung by the congregation, seated)*

“Find a Stillness”

READING

MUSIC INTERLUDE

“Keepers of the Earth”

Joyce Poley

MESSAGE

“The Vernal Equinox: Honoring Balance”

CLOSING HYMN No. 17

“Every Night and Every Morn”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“This Pretty Planet”

John Forester, Thomas Chapin

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.

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.

WELCOME

Today's service is led by guest speaker Randy Jefferson. The worship associate is Roxann Bornemann. Today's Community Focus Collection is gathered for Wausau Free Clinic. The music is provided by Louis Pradt on flute, the UU Wausau Adult Choir, and Margaret Jerz, Music Director in the Church.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, March 27, at 10:30AM, join us for Sunday Worship, led by the Reverend Brian Mason, Minister in the Church.

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