

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 musician and speaker Jim Scott. The worship associate is Sheryl Hemp.

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 26th, join us at 10:30AM for "Religion in 5 1/2 Objects," led by the Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk, preacher in residence.

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The Reverend Suzanne Wasilczuk, *Preacher in Residence*

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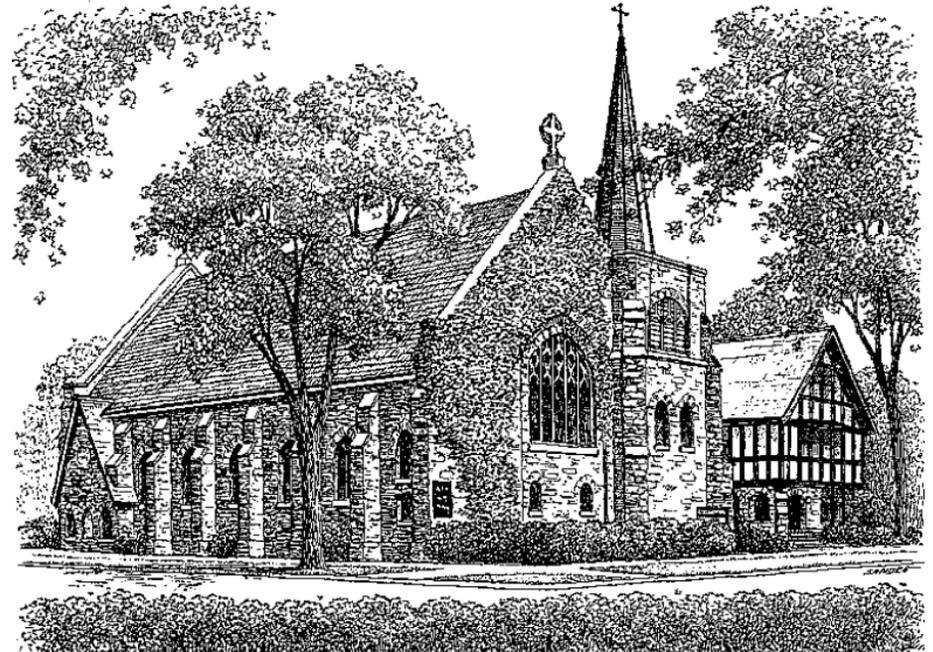
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19, 2022

10:30 AM

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHEN ENTERING THE SANCTUARY OF THE CHURCH.

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BELLCHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

All: **Fire of Life, cleanse our spirits with heat and flame.**

Leader: *Illuminate our path towards Beloved Community,*

Congregation: **Light the way of love and peace.**

L: *Take our vessels to the flame*

C: And from the kiln, be raised anew.

L: *Let this be our mantra: Melt our pain*

C: And burn away confusion,

L: *Ignite our passion*

C: And spark our voice,

L: *Draw us close to your hearth*

C: And warm our souls.

All: **Blessed be, Amen.**

We now depart from our usual Order of Service. Jim Scott will share several of his readings and songs in a message of peace and reconciliation for a wounded world and our struggling society. Amid wars, cataclysmic weather events, and an economic collapse, any long term visions of sustainability have lately been obscured if not abandoned. In this season of optimism and renewal of spirit for the work we have before us, our charge is nothing less than a job of healing, both the earth and ourselves.

About Jim Scott

Jim Scott's life's work has been to create and perform music that celebrates peace, justice and the earth. From his work with the Paul Winter Consort where he co-wrote the celebrated *Missa Gaia: Earth Mass* and many other pieces including those you hear today, Jim has gone on to create an extensive body of work that includes seven albums of original music. He compiled and arranged *The Earth and Spirit Songbook*, an anthology of 110 songs of earth and peace written by himself and many contemporary songwriters. Several of his songs and arrangements are included in our choir's repertory list including *May Your Life Be As a Song, Gently Homeward, Vine and Fig Tree*, and *Go Your Way in Peace*. A favorite congregational hymn, "*For the Earth Forever Turning*," is one of the songs included in the *Missa Gaia: Earth Mass*.

Jim has been an activist for years with his songs, poetry and short stories that address issues of ecology, justice and peace, all with insight and gentle wit. In 2002, he helped create the Unitarian Universalist *Green Sanctuary* program with its accompanying handbook for building ecological/spiritual awareness in church congregations.

This gifted guitarist and singer has visited more than 700 UU churches during the past four decades. *Gather the Spirit* and several other songs composed by Jim are in the UU Hymnbooks. He recently received a NEA grant to produce "*The Year to Save the Earth*," a multimedia concert of his powerful songs illustrated with beautiful striking images. Many of you heard the first mid-western presentation of this concert last night in our Atrium.