

Benediction

Postlude

Go Down Moses/Wade in the Water
Arr. By Larry Shackley



The Flowers Today are given by Chris Dendy and Rozy Park in honor of a special first date 26 years ago.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Four is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Four is led by Jenny Krueger. She is joined by Jan Connelly, Beth McGrew, Joe Busby, Mike Krueger, Morita Marmo, David Johnson, Mary Mark, Denys Steel, Carol Lloyd and Sherri Wellington.

Sound Technician: David Johnson

Assistive Listening Devices for people needing hearing enhancement are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

All are invited to write their **Joys and Sorrows** in the book at the back of the sanctuary.

Today in Sunday School: So that all members and visitors may attend today's service, your child in prekindergarten to fifth grade will join Ms. Meredith and Ms. Colleen in the Ellen Hall Room. There, your child will visualize "The Perfect Minister" and learn a little about Earth Day. If the weather is nice, they may go outside to enjoy all that nature has to offer. As for Junior. and Senior. High youth, they are invited to sit with Mr. Stephen in the sanctuary to listen to today's sermon.

Wonder Questions

- Have you ever felt like "the new kid?" What did you do?
- How can you make Rev. Connie feel welcomed?
- What questions do you have about the future?

ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

We're delighted you're here! Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation. Stop by the Welcome Counter (as you entered the building) to sign up for our newsletter so you can get a sense of the interesting events and efforts at First Church, *including information on the upcoming week-long visit by the candidate for our next settled minister!*

Have questions about Unitarian Universalism or First Church?

Come to a casual information session to get your questions answered. **The next Visitor Orientation is Sunday, May 6** after the service. We will meet in the Fisher Room (just beyond the coffee). Childcare is provided; we'll be finished by noon. No need to RSVP.

Ready to join? If you've been visiting for a while and have participated in an orientation, it may be time to officially join First Church. **Our next opportunity to join First Church is Sunday, May 27** right after the service. Please contact Carol Lloyd at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

Register today for the **Women's Retreat** and join us at our annual weekend of renewal at the peaceful Transfiguration Spirituality Center, located in Glendale. The **Saturday Retreat** includes break-out sessions offering dance, art, writing, meditation, yoga, flower arranging, a parenting session, a plant walk, and more; there is always the option to skip the sessions and just chill. You can add the **Friday Overnight** option, including conversation by the fire and vision boarding. Also available is either the **24 hr. or 48 hr. Silent Retreat**. Visit the registration table in lobby with questions or to register. Partial or full scholarships are available. Deadline for registration is **Sunday, April 29**.

First Church HUUmans will meet in Room 207 for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will provide the HUUmans members a chance to meet with Connie Simon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Nominating Committee (Katie Campbell, Jane Hopson, Jennifer Krueger, Morita Marmo and Carly Wise) invites you to gather for coffee, snacks, and conversation at **9:15 a.m. on April 29th** in the Ellen Hall Room to meet Ginny Casey-Leininger and David Johnson, candidates for the Board of Trustees. Denys Steele, also a candidate for the Board of Trustees, will be talking with you on **May 6th at 11:15 a.m.** in the area in front of the Fisher Room.

A special congregational meeting will take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Please remain in the Sanctuary for this important meeting. The only item on the agenda will be a vote to extend a call to ministry at First Unitarian Church to Rev. Connie Simon, who has been recommended to our congregation by the Ministerial Search Committee. Voting will be by secret ballot and the results will be announced as soon as the votes have been counted. All members who have previously established voting rights by attending a congregational meeting are eligible to vote. If you are a member but have not yet attended a congregational meeting, you may establish your voting rights for voting at future congregational meetings by attending the May 20 congregational meeting. Childcare will be provided. RSVP to Dan Schneider for childcare, danschneider1227@yahoo.com or 513.652.8966. Dan Schneider, Secretary

Sun., April 29 - after the close of the vote on the ministerial candidate, the **Peace Committee** meets in the Fisher Room for future program planning and discussion of any new Peace Issues that may arise. Ann Black, 513-563-8467

Sun., May 6 in the Sanctuary following the service and **Sun., May 13, 9 a.m. in the Ellen Hall Room – Budget Forums** from First Church Finance Committee, Treasurer and Board welcome members to attend a session designed to share information on the operations budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1. You will learn how this budget supports our First Church community, our members' spiritual and ethical paths, and our efforts toward justice for our world. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and share in discussion. As a reminder, the congregation will vote on the FY 19 budget during the congregational meeting on Sun., May 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, April 25, 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Connie Simon

Catching Your Breath

Between work and family, we're busier than ever these days. And when we add community and volunteer commitments and justice work, it can all feel overwhelming. Sometimes we just want it all to stop if only for a moment. Every now and then, we all need a break. Join us for a special mid-week vespers service designed to help renew your spirit and recharge your soul. *A Potluck Dessert will follow the service.* Childcare will be provided

Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m.

Rev. Connie Simon

Where Do We Go from Here?

Rev. Connie Simon has spent many hours in conversation with our Ministerial Search Committee and many hours studying the history, the mission and vision of our congregation over the past three months. And now, after spending a week getting to know our entire congregation through conversation and deep listening, Connie will share her perspective on the future of our church. To what do we aspire? How do we fit into our community? Where are we going? And, finally, how will our new minister accompany us on this amazing journey.

Sign up after the service for an opportunity to get to know Connie:

Pizza party – Sunday, April 22, 6 p.m. at the Zollers' in Ft. Thomas

Brown bag lunch – Monday, April 23 at noon in the Ellen Hall Room

Coffee - Tuesday, April 24, 11 a.m. at Hammond N. Condos, College Hill

***Social Justice Forum** – Tuesday, April 24, 5:45-7p.m.

***Vespers/potluck dessert** – Wednesday, April 25 7p.m.

Chillin' with the Candidate – Thursday, April 26 5-6:30p.m.

Coffee - Friday, April 27 - 10 a.m. at Doug and Patricia Rohrer's in Blue Ash

***Potluck dinner/talent show** – Friday, April 27, 6p.m.

Hike – Saturday, April 28, 10a.m. French Park in Amberley

New member picnic – Saturday, April 28, 11:30a.m. French Park

Questions? Contact Barb Rider at 513.324.8862 or barb1rider@aol.com.
Childcare provided.