

Save or Savor

August 13, 2017

Prelude

Ash Grove Variations
Arr. by Howard Helvey

Jera Cox

Welcome

Rev. Benjamin Maucere

Doxology

*May we shine a light of love
May we shine a light of love
With every thought, with every step we take
May we shine a light of love.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

#10 *Immortal Love*

Kindergarten Step-Up

Meredith Plummer

Chalice Lighting

Carmina Maxwell
See insert for Responsive Reading

Children's Recessional

*You bring us hope and help to see our future world that's yet to be.
You teach us much as years go by. You are our strength, our joy, our pride.*

Pastoral Hymn

#17 *Every Night and Every Morn*

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

Vision Song

Shelley Jackson Denham

*We are a liberal religious haven, welcoming wonder, and spiritually free.
We're sustained by a loving tradition, moved and inspired by the future we see.
Boldly seeking and working for justice,
gently transforming lives through deeds great and small.
Young and old, sharing meaning and mission,
we joyfully offer our vision to all!*

Meditation

Prayer

Musical Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Breathe
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Save or Savor

Closing Hymn

#348 *Guide My Feet*

Benediction

Postlude

I'm Gonna Sing
Arr. By Larry Shackley



Next Sunday, August 20, The Rev. Dr. Keith Kron – *The Van Gogh Café*

- Living our Unitarian Universalist values isn't always as easy as we would like it to be. Often what we strive for is not what actually happens. How can we improve the odds that we will lead with our vest values inside and outside our congregation? This service follows the special Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop which will be held on Saturday morning, Aug. 19. The Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) program works with the Unitarian Universalist Congregations who are in the search process for a new settled minister.

The Chalice Lighter today is Carmina Maxwell. Carmina is eight and has been to numerous summer day camps this year. Her favorites were basketball and theater camp. She also loves to swim and play with friends.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Two is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Two is led by Katie Campbell. She is joined by Jorge Vila, Gladys Warren, Justin Ellis, Richard Smith, Al Lloyd, Mary Kay and John Tensing.

Sound Technician: Chris Dendy

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.

ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

We're glad you're here! Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation and stop by the Welcome Counter to sign up for our newsletter so you can get a sense of what goes on at First Church.

Have questions about Unitarian Universalism or First Church?

Come to a casual orientation for visitors to get your questions answered. **The next orientation is today in the Fisher Room** (just beyond the coffee). Childcare is provided; we'll be finished by noon. Contact Carol Lloyd for more information.

Ready to join?

If you've been visiting for a while and have participated in an orientation, it may be time to officially join us. The next opportunity to join is Sept. 10 following the service. To do so, please contact Carol at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

Today in Sunday School your prekindergarten to fifth grader will hear the Indian story *Crow and Partridge*, then they will play the game Ghura Khel. Upstairs the Junior High and Senior High will gather in community to plan for the coming year. Today's volunteers are Sherri Wellington in Infant/Toddler and Kara Uhl in PreK to Fifth.

Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Ellen Hall Room— Congregational Conversation on the revised bylaws. This is the last of four congregational conversations on the merger of the constitution and bylaws, before a presentation at the Sept 24 Annual Meeting.

It's time for a new Directory! Look around at Coffee Hour and you will find clipboards containing the most recent information in Church DB (our church database program). Please take a look at it, make corrections, or check out the PDF that was sent out by email, and respond with corrections by email to susan.west@firstuu.com. The new directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 24, and after.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Aug. 14, 11:30 a.m. – Meditation

Upcoming Ministerial Search Committee Dates:

Aug. 19 – Morning workshop lead by UUA Transitions director on selecting a minister. Don't miss the VERY IMPORTANT workshop this Saturday morning for adults and kids. Led by UUA's famed Rev. Dr. Keith Kron, we'll explore possibilities in our search for a new minister.

Aug. 20 – Sept. 17 – Input groups for First Church members related to the ministerial search. These groups will help define for the ministerial search committee who we are, and what we need in a settled minister. Please attend one of the 90 minute sessions!

Sharing Circles will begin the week of **Sept. 9**. We will be using ten topics from Soul Matters material. You can respond to an emailed invitation if you were in a sharing circle this past year, or you can sign up at church in August or, email Jo Ellen at joeellen63@gmail.com and she will sign you up. New members and visitors are encouraged to join!

Fri., Aug. 25, 7 p.m. Join the Book Discussion Group in discussion of *The Importance of Living* by Lin Yutang in the Fisher room. We will focus on one brief chapter of this classic work, entitled “*Relationship to God.*” Copies will be available to those who sign up. Joy Haupt, joyhaupt@gmail.com for Adult Religious Education

Sun., Aug. 27, 11:15 a.m. - in the sanctuary, the Blessing Law Firm will provide a seminar to our congregation on *How to Avoid Becoming Scammer Prey and Getting Scammed*. The Blessing Law Firm will provide this seminar and is heading the investigation into the scammers who took advantage of the Froehlichs. Come learn what you can do to prevent getting scammed! Questions? Contact Shelly Wallace at swallace6275@gmail.com

Mon., Aug. 28, 5 p.m. Cincinnati's Women Singing in Sacred Circle is celebrating its 10th Anniversary with a potluck dinner in the Ellen Hall Room, followed by a 7 p.m. Singing Circle in the Sanctuary. All women are welcome to gather to share food, stories, and song! Contact Jennifer Powers at 513.288.9505 or jspowers@cinci.rr.com.

Chalice Lighting

Blessed is the fire of our faith
and the chalice of our community.

*Blessed is the living tradition
that we carry forward
in our work and in our love.*

Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here,

Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.

Blessed is the light of the eternal;

*Blessed is the sacred call of life to which
we give ourselves in answer.*



MINISTERIAL SEARCH

One year from now our new settled minister should be in place!

The search is in full-gear. Members have helped by voting for the search committee, budgeting money for the search, and by taking a survey. Many have volunteered advice & expertise. Thank you!

It's time for everyone to step up again, in 3 ways:

- Attend the workshop next Saturday AM, Aug 19 for adults & kids! Sign-ups in the lobby or to patricia@theRohrers.org.
- Come to worship next Sunday, Aug 20. The head of UUA transitions is coming from Boston to lead our worship (AND the workshop the day before!). Let's really show him "who we are", so he can best advise potential ministerial candidates about First Church of Cincinnati!
- Participate in a 90 min. input group with other members. We'll discuss "who we are" -- and what type minister we need to lead us in fulfilling our vision. Input groups run from Aug 20-Sept 17 (schedule on the back of this flyer). Sign up in the lobby or barb1rider@aol.com 513-324-8862.

Ministerial Search Committee: Linnea Lose, chair

Cynthia Heinrich, Amy Hunt, Tim Kraus, Jim Powell, Barb Rider, Patricia Rohrer, Carol Willis

SEARCH INPUT GROUPS

Sign-up: barb1rider@aol.com 513-324-8862 or in lobby

- *Sun, Aug 20** 11:30-1PM Church
- Mon, Aug 21 7-8:30PM Linnea's in Pleasant Ridge
- Sat, Aug 26 11:30-1PM Church
- *Sun, Aug 27** 11:30-1PM Church
- Mon, Aug 28 7-8:30PM Church
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- *Thurs, Aug 31** 6:30-8PM Carly's in Mt. Lookout
- Sat, Sept 2 10-11:30AM Church
- *Sun, Sept 3** 11:30-1PM Church
- Labor Day 7-8:30PM Dot's in Walnut Hills
- Thurs, Sept 7 7-8:30PM Mimi's in Kennedy Hghts
- Sat, Sept 9 10-11:30AM Church
- *Sun, Sept 10** 11:30-1PM Church
- Mon, Sept 11 7-8:30PM Church
- Tues, Sept 12 7-8:30PM Jane's in E Walnut Hills
- Wed, Sept 13 1-2:30PM Church
- *Sun, Sept 17** 11:30-1PM Church

***Childcare provided for the asterisked sessions**