

Give Your Soul Away

February 11, 2018

Prelude

Clair de Lune
Claude Debussy

Jera Cox

Welcome

Bruce Bowdon
Rev. Benjamin Maucere

Doxology

*From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows;
The seekers of the light are one.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

#360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Chalice Lighting

Riley Moore

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.

Time for All Ages

Meredith Plummer

Pastoral Hymn

#112 *Do You Hear?*

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

ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

We're glad 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. You'll get a sense of the interesting events and efforts at First Church.

Have questions about Unitarian Universalism or First Church? Come to a casual information session to get your questions answered. **The next Visitor Orientation is TODAY, Feb. 11,** following the service. We will meet downstairs in Room 5. Childcare is provided; we'll be finished by noon, and 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 NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 18,** right after the service. Please contact Carol Lloyd at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

Today in Sunday School your child in Prekindergarten and kindergarten will make Valentine cards and gifts. Your first to third grader will explore our first source "wonder and awe" with bubbles. Your fourth and fifth grader will learn the story of Adam and Eve. Upstairs, Junior High Youth will revisit UUville. The Senior High youth will engage in leadership development.

Today in Room 204 – First Church HUUMANISTS meet to wrap up a discussion of Bart Campolo's presentation from the last meeting and review and discuss papers by Greta Christner titled "Fierce Humanism"- one person's view of where Humanism should go. Dick Bozian, [513.521.2391](tel:513.521.2391), rcbozian@hotmail.com

Heart & Hand Auction – Thank you to all who participated in this year's auction. You are the reason for its success! You can pick up your list of winnings and pay your bill in the Ellen Hall Room after the service today. If you missed out, a few unsold items remain for your consideration, also in the Ellen Hall Room. – Susan Christy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Feb. 17 - 10 a.m. to noon - First Church Women's Group meets at the home of Jean Rohling, 824 Kingfisher Lane. Betsy Wones and Faith Maynard will talk to us about the Inter-Faith Hospitality Network (IHN) including history of this important organization, the specifics of how it works at First Church, and some thoughts on current challenges and future directions. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Walker at walkermart76@yahoo.com

Fri., Feb. 23, 6 p.m., in the Ellen Hall Room – Book Discussion – come join in for soup and a discussion of *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. We will be discussing not only the book but also our own ideas about death and its relationship with life. Please join us even if you haven't read the book.

Sun., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - Just what is the **Carter Service** and why has First Church continued it for so long? Join us on Feb. 25 to learn about the 2001 Reconciliation Service between the descendants of W. H. G. Carter (portraits of Rev. Carter and his wife Beulah are on the wall in the area outside the sanctuary). Learn, too, where the Carter Fund has contributed over \$80,000 to local non-profits since 2002. Dot Christenson, 513.961.6235, <mailto:dotc3430@gmail.com>.

Sun., Feb. 25, 11:15 a.m. - the First Unitarian Peace Committee Open Forum meets in the Fisher Room. The topic is a continuation of last month's Open Forum on immigration issues with a refocus on local un-addressed needs. Learn about area organizations working with the undocumented, services already in place, gaps that need to be filled and opportunities for volunteering. All are welcome, come and bring friends.

The Carter Sunday Committee is asking for your assistance for the reception following the service. Here is what we need volunteers for: **Finger food** (we want to avoid the use of silverware), Small sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, desserts; **servers and kitchen help** and **help with laundering linens**. We plan for 90 people. We will have finger food, punch, coffee and tea. Please call, text or email Sandra Small at 859.250.9055 or 41011sandra@gmail.com.

Wonder Questions

- * Do you feel loved?
- * How do you show others you love them?
- * Are there some people you find difficult to love?

