

The Impact of Empowerment

July 2, 2017

Adena Warner, Speaker
Jorge Vila, Service Leader

Ingathering

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!*

Welcome

Jorge Vila

Prelude

Meditation No. 7
John Kramer

Jera Cox

Call to Worship

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother or sister in need but has not pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:16-18 (NIV Bible)

Opening Hymn #128 *For All That is Our Life*

Chalice Lighting

*Chalice, chalice burning bright, help remind us with your light
Of how we'd like to live each day, with love and truth helping lead the way*

Singing the Children to Class

*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.*

Candle Lighting Hymn

May We Shine a Light of Love (Joyce Poley)
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**
**peace, hope, faith*

Joys and Sorrows of Personal Significance

Offertory

Mama Never Forgets Her Birds
Mary Lou Prince/Emily Dickinson

Habitat for Humanity Global Prayer

God, teach us humility so that we may...
...listen,
...confess and forgive,
...serve in relationship with the poor,
...persevere in our mission,
...unify as one body with many diverse parts,
...and act with courage and boldness

Musical Interlude

Sermon

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Closing Hymn

#159 *This is My Song*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

Building a New Way (see insert)
Martha Sandefer



Next Sunday, July 9 – *Skin in the Game II: Peter Clark and First Church* - Tim Kraus introduces another important leader in the history of First Church.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team One is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team One is led by Alice Schneider. She welcomes St. John's team members Julie Lineburgh and Gay Glasscott, and is joined by First Church team members Jorge Vila, Mary Smith, Richard Smith, Gladys Warren, Dot Christenson, Janet Schneider and Jane Kay.

Sound Technician: Rolf Wiegand

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 August 13, 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. To do so, please contact Carol at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

Today in Sunday School we welcome our friends from St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church. Your prekindergarten to fifth grader will hear a traditional tale from Turkey and play the Turkish game Koro-be! Upstairs, the Junior High will focus on community building and planning for the 2017-2018 church year..

Welcome to our friends from St. John's! For several years, we have shared July services with St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church at 320 Resor Avenue. This tradition continues in 2017. On July 2, 9, and 16, our friends from St. John's will join us at First Church for worship and Sunday school. In return, on July 23 and 30, we will join them at St. John's for the same. Note that the services at St. John's begin at 11 a.m.

To provide more flexibility for staff vacations, we have moved to a **summer schedule** for the office. If you need to contact the office you can call from **9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** with a lunch break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As always, leave a message other times, and your call will .be returned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., July 3, 11:30 a.m. – Meditation

Sat., July 8, 10 a.m., Ault Park - After a very successful first gathering of the **First Church Hiking Club**, we will be meeting again for our next hike. Mark your calendars! No need to RSVP, all you need to do is show up for the hike at that time and place. And feel free to bring any church visitors or friends who want to join us. Look for more information about the hike on the Announcement Listserve as the date gets closer. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wallace at dwallace6275@gmail.com

Sun., July 9 – Wondering how our Ministerial Search process works? Com to a conversation after church next Sunday in the Ellen Hall Room!

Sat., July 15, 10 a.m. – noon - The Annual First Church Women's Summer Pot Luck Brunch will be at Jean Rohling's home, 824 Kingfisher Lane in Glendale. All the women of the church are invited. Just bring a brunch dish to share. Jean will furnish drinks and paper goods. No meeting or program. Just a mid-summer gathering to catch up with each other's lives and have a few laughs. Jean Rohling, 513.771.4586, jrohl@fuse.net

Sun., July 16, 11:30-12:30, Ellen Hall Room, following the worship service, members of First Church and St. John's UU who attended the 2017 Unitarian Universalist Association **General Assembly** will share reflections from their experiences. Questions and discussion are welcome. A light lunch will be provided, and childcare will be available. RSVP for childcare. Dan Schneider, danschneider1227@yahoo.com or 513.561.0849

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

Welcome Adena Warner

A native of Montana with a degree in Social Work from the University of Montana, Adena Warner seeks to empower people towards self-sufficiency. She ministered to college students for 10 years with Cru at Oregon State University and the University of Costa Rica. Adena's passion to care for the whole person drew her to roles in Colorado as an Assistant Director of a nonprofit providing food, clothing, and utility assistance to families and later at a regional food bank.

As the Faith Relations Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, Adena brings her enthusiasm and experience in building collaborations to fulfill the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Adena lives in Northern Kentucky with her husband Dean.

Building a New Way Martha Sandefer

We are building a new way. (3X)
Feeling stronger every day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free. (3X)
Hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

Peace and freedom is our cry. (3X)
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

We can feed our every need (3X)
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Next Sunday, July 9 – Join Tim Kraus as he presents *Skin in the Game II: Peter Clark and First Church*. From 1868 until he left Cincinnati in 1888 Peter Clark, America's First Black Socialist, was a member of our congregation. He started attending First Church regularly in 1857, drawn into Unitarian circles by the anti-slavery politics and racial justice activism of many of our members. But he was also equally attracted to the Humanistic Theology of our church and Unitarianism in general. He participated as a leader and a member in the religious life of our congregation. During his tenure in our church he rose to national prominence as a renowned educator, an impassioned orator, skilled political strategist and public intellectual. Clark's life was not an easy one and the role our church played in his life was at times both positive and negative. Come on July 9 to find out more about the life and legacy of Peter Humphreys Clark and First Church.