

Wicked Pleasures

March 19, 2017

Prelude

Old 113th

Jera Cox

Welcome

Linda Miltner
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 flows
the seekers of the light are one.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

#187 *It Sounds Along the Ages*

Chalice Hymn

*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*

A Time for All Ages

Meredith Plummer

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

#126 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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 Interlude

Living Church

Kara Uhl

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach/Philip Roberts

Handbell Choir

Sermon

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Closing Hymn

#141 *I've Got a New Name*
New name; Mother; Father; New life

Benediction

Postlude

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor
Irving Berlin/Ringwald

Choir



Today we welcome guest musician **Alyssa Hillenbrand** on the violin.

Next Sun., March 26 – *Adventures in Unitarian Christology Part II: Who Do We Say He Is?* – The Rev. Benjamin Maucere.

The Flowers This Morning have been donated by Joy and Bud Haupt in honor of their daughter, Julie, who is celebrating her 60th birthday this week.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Three is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Three is led by Linda Miltner. She is joined by Sallie Barringer, Stephen Crandall and daughter Emree, Barbara Homlar and granddaughter Zoe, Jack Niehaus, Ann Retford 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.

ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Stay for coffee, sign up for the newsletter at our Welcome Counter and please, take some brochures! And please come back and see us again.

If you'd like to learn more about our church and denomination, stop in for one of our casual orientations. We'll take care of your children, and even provide some snacks for all. We'll be done by noon. The next visitor orientation is April 2 in the Fisher Room (just beyond the coffee).

Maybe it's time to join First Church. Membership is open to those who are aligned with our vision and mission statements, and the UU principles. If you've been attending here for a few months, and have attended an orientation, contact Barb Rider at barb1rider@aol.com or [513.324.8862](tel:513.324.8862) to learn more about joining. The next signing opportunity will be on March 26. Come join a record class of new members who've already expressed an interest in joining!

TODAY

Today in Sunday School, your child in prekindergarten to kindergarten will explore "darkness." Your first to third grader will read another book about Henry David Thoreau (and play a game with stinky shoes!), and your fourth or fifth grader will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Upstairs, the junior high will explore deep topics through discussion and game play.

"What Do You Say After You Say UU?" What is the good news of Unitarian Universalism? How do you explain our faith to others? There are two remaining hour-long workshops to help you formulate your "elevator speech." Choose 11:30 a.m. today or 11:30 next Sunday - 3/26. Sign up in the lobby or by emailing Transition-Team@firstuu.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., March 20, 11:30 a.m. – Meditation

Wed. March 22, 7:30 p.m. - Movie Night in the Ellen Hall Room. Canada's successful adoption of a Medicare For All program despite powerful opposition by the medical profession and moneyed interest is of significance to us in the U.S.A. Contrary to propaganda, the Canadian program is not socialized medicine as it exists in the U.K. There is no charge for this powerful 60-minute movie that shows the way to achieve a similar result in the United States-a hat will be passed however to support this Medicare For All effort in Ohio. Richard C. Bozian rcbozian@hotmail.com, [513 521 2391](tel:5135212391)

Sun., March 26, 11:20 a.m. – the Peace Committee monthly open forum meets in the Ellen Hall Room for a time of sharing of experiences.

Sun., April 16, 11:30 - Mark this date on your calendar now. A Jewish Seder meal will be served by Community Builders following the service. The meal will not conflict with the Easter egg hunt that day. Watch for further details, but let your taste buds know that traditional Seder foods will be headed their way, including matzo ball soup, chicken haroset, and macaroons will be headed their way! Geshmak! ("Delicious" in Yiddish). RSVP to Betsywones@gmail.com.

The theme of the **Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio (UUJO)** Southwest Ohio Regional Assembly will be **“Action Steps to Justice,”** **Saturday, April 22**, Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 8690 Yankee Street in Dayton. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. Ride sharing will be available. A light lunch will be provided. There will be no charge for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken to pay for expenses and support UUJO. Dan Schneider, danschneider1227@yahoo.com or 513.561.0849

Wonder Questions

- Have you ever seen snow bend or break something?
- What makes you different and beautiful?
- What are you working to break free from