

Cherishing Our Mother Earth

May 13, 2018

- Ingathering** #19 *The Sun That Shines*, v. 1 & 2
- Welcome** June Schlipf
- Prelude** *Gloria* First Unitarian Singers
Linda Spevacek
- Call to Worship** by Barbara Pescan
- Opening Hymn** #38 *Morning Has Broken*
- Chalice Lighting**
- Time for All Ages** *Who is Mother Earth?*
- Candle Lighting**
- 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!*
- Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**
- Rite of Passage** Meredith Plummer, DFP
- 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.*
- Meditation** *Native American-Style Flute* John Schlipf
- Reflection** June Schlipf
- Invitation to Offering**
- Offertory** *Bird Song* *The Brown-Eyed Girls*
The Wailin' Jennys

Reading

The Growing Season
Sara Moores Campbell

Sermon

Cherishing Our Mother Earth Roland Johnson

Reading

The Song of the Soul of The Earth
Susan Podebradsky

Closing Hymn

#163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Benediction

Postlude

The Lone Wild Bird
Arr. By Clif Hardin



Next Sunday, May 20 – The Rev. Benjamin Maucere – Who Do We Say He Is? Adventures in Christology, Part 6.

The flowers this morning are given by Dennis Finney and Laurie Frank in honor of our moms and their generous, loving and nurturing support.

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 Jane Hopson, Bruce Bowdon, Martha Walker, Ray Sinclair, Ellen Wathen, Dot Christenson, Jane Kay and Janet Schneider.

Sound Technician: Sallie Barringer

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's FP volunteers: Jan Connelly in Infant and Toddler, Chuck Schneider and Denys Steele in prekindergarten through fifth grade, Janet Schenk and Jamie Moore will be with the Junior and Senior High.

Special thanks to this morning's musicians: The Brown-Eyed Girls: Colleen Cambron, Rozy Park and Jennifer Powers. And instrumentalists Molly Cambron on ukulele, Park Dendy on guitar and Bo Powers on drums.

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.

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** after the service. Please contact Carol Lloyd at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

You can drop off a celebratory card for our minister-elect Connie Simon to celebrate her graduation from Meadville-Lombard on May 20. Leave them at the Search Committee table in the lobby and we'll send them on to her if received by May 14.

Today in Sunday School, your child in prekindergarten to fifth grade will gather with their peers in the Ellen Hall Room. There, your child will learn about the Unitarian origins of Mother's Day, talk about all the "mothers" in their lives and create a DIY Mother's Day present. Upstairs, the youth will brainstorm ideas for the youth service on June 17th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri., May 18, 6 p.m. - The next supper and book discussion will be on this date in the Ellen Hall Room. The book to be discussed is *The Righteous Mind* by Jon Haidt. There are three options to prepare yourself for the discussion: 1. Read the book. 2. Watch the 47 minute interview of the author by Bill Moyer at <https://billmoyers.com/segment/jonathan-haidt-explains-our-contentious-culture/> 3. Watch the same interview while you eat on May 16 and discuss it immediately after. Jo Ellen, 513.328.0866, <mailto:joeellen63@gmail.com>

Sat., May 19, 6:30 p.m. – The great chefs of many Heart & Hand Dinners will collaborate to bring you a spectacular meal. The setting is in the Church's Ellen Hall Room. There is a limit of 40 people for this event. The cost is \$25 per person, wine included. Register via email to tcrohrer@cinci.rr.com

Sun., May 20, 11:15 a.m. - First Church's **congregational meeting** will be held. If you are a member of First Church, but have not yet attended a congregational meeting, you may establish your voting rights for voting at future congregational meetings by attending this meeting. The agenda will include a vote on the budget for 2018-2019. Childcare will be provided for this meeting. RSVP to Dan Schneider for childcare, 513.652.8966 or danschneider1227@yahoo.com.

Sun., May 20 - The Hoxworth Blood Center Donor Bus will be parked outside here at First Church from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You will be able to donate most of the time during those hours. Please schedule an appointment now at www.hoxworth.org/groups/firstuu or by calling 513.451.0910. We will also have a signup table in the Thornton Room today. Ask about donating red cells (double-red donation). Rebecca Algenio, 513.574.7403, <mailto:rmalgenio@fuse.net>

Sun., May 27 - 11:30 – **The Peace Committee** will meet in the Ellen Hall Room, lunch on Yemeni food and make the acquaintance of some Yemeni(s) who will help us gain perspective on the endless bombing raging in Yemen. This war has been generously aided by the US and our tax dollars, but our media rarely covers it. Sponsored by the First Church Peace Committee to promote increased world understanding. Ann Black – 513.563.8467

Wherever Life May Lead You

Wherever life may lead you, just up the street or faraway...

Know that you are a valued member of this church.

Wherever life may lead you, down dark alleys or into spring meadows

Know that you are a valued member of this church

Wherever life may lead you, into fractured affairs or deep relationships...

Know that you are a valued member of this church.

Wherever life may lead you, to the deepest valley or to tallest mountain...

Know that you are a valued member of this church.

Wherever life may lead you, whether you end up penniless or strike it rich...

Know that you are a valued member of this church.

Wherever life may lead you, you are sure to be surprised. So, may you never forge

You are a valued member of this church.

Share the Plate

Casa de Paz, which literally means House of Peace, is a project of immigrant Latino women who themselves have experienced domestic violence. These immigrant women organized to offer a shelter for Latina women who have been victims of domestic violence. They started with an idea several years ago, now they have developed a Board of Directors with their 501C 3 organization. Casa de Paz when it fully opens its doors in September will offer a refuge for immigrant and their families in a house that will be staffed by Spanish speaking professionals

