

Order of Service

[April 21, 2024](#)

“r/evolution means protecting the people. the plants. the animals. the air. the water. r/evolution means saving this planet. r/evolution is love.” — Assata Shakur

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude UUC Choir

We Will Stand With You, Michael and Angela Souders

Welcome, Opportunities, & Today in RE

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.

Opening Words Reading #1 all readings excerpts from *Love Letter to the Earth* by Thich Nhat Hanh

Opening Hymn

#1064 Blue Boat Home

Time For All Ages

A Dirt Communion (see words below)

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb’s Children Benediction

Reading #2

UUC Covenant (*next page*)

Reading #3

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth](#)
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Offertory

“Spring Intermezzo” — Betty Jackson King

Reading #4

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Reading #5

Meditation Hymn

*Love Song to the Earth -
Paul McCartney, Sean Paul, Natasha Bedingfield, & more*

Reading #6

Hymn

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth

Spoken Word

It is Easy to Love the Earth, original poem Mara Eve Robbins

Closing Hymn

We Shall be Known

Reading #7

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

“Up Jumped Spring” — Freddie Hubbard

Worship Associates: Victoria Taylor & Gretchen Luke; Guest Speaker: Mara Eve Robbins

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Pianist: Jared Gibbs; Choir Director: Ella Kromin; Song Leader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Polly Stimson

Chalice Lighter: Patrick Quigley; RE Announcement: Brandy Lemmon

Sanctuary Greeters: Beth McClellan; Jim, Pauletta, and Susan Copenheaver; Crosby Houston

Zoom Greeters: Toni Cox & KC Arceneaux

Our Mission

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth.

Create compassionate community.

Transform our community and the world through courageous love.

Congregants and children say words in boldface

*In the knowledge that we are all of us imperfect, but come together in communities of grace, **we bless this dirt;***

*In the belief that we humans share an origin and a common destiny, **we bless this dirt;***

*In a sustaining faith in human redemption and growth, **we bless this dirt;***

*In the wisdom of science that tell us dirt is an important part of our own health and happiness, **we bless this dirt;***

*In understanding that all living creatures are connected and have a right to healthy soil, **we bless this dirt;***

*In hopes that we all continue to grow together, in mind, body, and spirit, **we bless this dirt.***

UUC Covenant

We covenant to create a place of respect and kindness, and to build a spiritual community based on reason and courageous love.

We will listen to one another respectfully, assume good intentions, use the power of our words with care, express gratitude, honor our differences, help one another, and welcome all.

We will communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately. When we hurt one another, we will forgive, make amends, and re-connect.

While we celebrate the words of our Mission Statement, and of this covenant, we affirm that our mission lives through our actions.

Opportunities this Week

- Sunday Circle: Intro to Permaculture with Hub Haynes, Sunday at 11:30 (Library & Zoom)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Building Bridges for Adult, Monday at 6:30 pm (Library and Zoom)
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's, Tuesday at 7:00 (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:00 (UUC)
- Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)
- Earth Day Mini Concert and Song Circle, Friday at 6:00 (Lower Firepit)
- Newcomers Orientation, Saturday at 9:30 (Elarth) Contact [Pauletta](#) to attend