

Reverend Nancy Bird Pellegrini- Speaker

Gathering Music – “Air: Gramachee” Nicholson

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “Lady Meng Jiang” Chinese Folksong

***Lighting the Chalice**

We gather this hour as do all people of faith—with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Opening Words – William Schultz

***Opening Hymn** – #38 Morning has Broken

***Affirmation of Fellowship:**

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Words for Reflection – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – “Fantasie: Dolce” Telemann

***Offertory Response (to “Old Hundredth”)**

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope and love arise
Let beauty, truth and good be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

***Hymn** – #123 Spirit of Life

Sermon— “Spirituality; A Wellspring for Commitment and Connection”

Meditation Text: Talk of mysteries! Think of our life in nature—daily to be shown matter, to come into contact with it—rocks, trees, wind on our cheeks! The solid earth! The actual world! The common sense! Contact! Contact! Who are we? Where are we?
Henry David Thoreau

***Closing Hymn** – #4 I Brought my Spirit to the Sea

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

Postlude – “Irish Air” Nicholson

Closing Words – Nancy Pellegrini

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit**

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.

UPCOMING SERVICES

November 5- Rev. Elaine Bomford

November 12- Lou Botta

November 19- Roger Wells

November 26- Rev. Mellen Kennedy

FUTURE EVENTS

November 5- Time change

November 15- Meditation at the Wells’

KUUF PURPOSE

...to worship and create a welcoming and supporting community
...to support and care for one another,
...to explore, reflect and grow spiritually,
...to understand our differences,
...to feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values,
...to be intentionally inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian
and transgender people,
...to support collective service to the larger community and to
celebrate
together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and
joys.

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Assisting Ministers: Guests

Pastoral Care: Kathryn Vashro – (208) 440-1855

Music Director: Martha Woodward

## TRUSTEES

Jim Vashro (President)

Joanna Henderson

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