# **Betsy Woodman- Speaker**

Gathering Music – "Lamentevole" Jean David Braun

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Greet your Neighbors** 

Prelude - "Capriccio" J D Braun

## **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** – from *The Pale Blue Dot of Earth* by Carl Sagan

\*Opening Hymn – #174 O Earth, You Are Surpassing Fair

#### \*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** – from "You Know and I Know" by Reverend Meg Barnhouse

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music - "Air" Braun

### \*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 – #112 Do You Hear

Sermon- "Earth Day: Avoiding Despair, Practicing Hope"

\*Closing Hymn – #143 Not in Vain the Distant Beacons 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 – "Rondeau" Braun

**Closing Words** – from *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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

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

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**April 28- Barbara Meyers** 

**May 5- North Country Chordsmen** 

**May 12- Yvonne Howard** 

May 19- Karen Zurheide

May 26- Lou Botta

# FUTURE EVENTS

May 8- 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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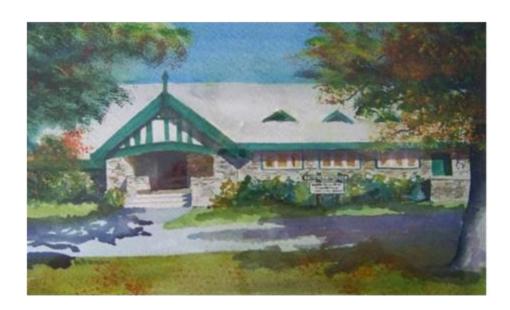
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