Guest Speaker – Betsy Woodman

Gathering Music "Spring Song" Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude "Gymnopedie" Satie

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 - "Rev. Jane Rzepka, "O Spirit of Life and Renewal"

*Opening Hymn #274 Dear Mother-Father of Us All

*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

The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

Words for Reflection: Betty-Ann Heggie, "The Healing Power of Laughter"

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music "Reflections on a Medieval Norwegian Chant"

*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 #276 O, Young and Fearless Prophet

Message: Searching for those Points of Life

*Closing Hymn #61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

*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 "Comin' Through the Rye" Cox

Closing Words – Tennessee Williams"Saved by Love," from an interview in 1982

*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 27 - Social Justice Reading Group

FUTURE EVENTS

April 25 – Newsletter inputs due CHECK> "Coffee Host list" for date you are hosting

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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