

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
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**Called to Tell the Truth About Our History**

Sunday, March 26, 2023

**GATHERING MUSIC** *When I Am Frightened* by Shelley Jackson Denham  
David Chapman, Music Director

**WELCOME** Lula Beatty, Worship Associate

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo

**CHALICE LIGHTING** Ken Shilling

*"It's easy to fear a history that's not pretty, that's not perfect,  
that's not all good. It takes a little bit of courage to tell the  
truth in any setting. But when it's done right, there is something  
so much better on the other side of it, rather than holding in that  
lie. We've been holding in a lie about our history for a long time.  
I think it's time to speak the truth about it. ... But it's going to  
take a little bit of courage, to be willing to do something that's  
a little bit uncomfortable in the hope that you'll get someplace  
that's a lot more liberating."*

~Bryan Stevenson

**HYMN #1040** *Hush*, African American spiritual, led by Elizabeth Porter

**JOYS AND SORROWS** Lynn Louison, Pastoral Care Associate

**INTONATION** *Painful History* by Sébastien Skaf

**SILENCE**

**STORY** Community Remembrance Projects Video  
Equal Justice Initiative

**REFLECTION** Lula Beatty

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Strange Fruit* by Lewis Allan Elizabeth Porter, Soloist

**REFLECTION** Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo

**CONGREGATIONAL MOVEMENT** # 151 *I Wish I Knew How*  
Sharon Werth & Chalice Dancers, Elizabeth Porter, vocalist

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Courage to Change* by Sia Furler, Greg Kurstin and Alicia Moore

**CLOSING WORDS**

**RESPONSE** *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

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**EXTINGUISHING CHALICE**

Ken Shilling

*We extinguish this flame  
but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community,  
or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until  
we are together again.*

*~ Elizabeth Selle Jones*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSIC FOR CONNECTION AND CONVERSATION**

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**The Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project**

**educates** the public on the truths of our nation's continuing legacy of the institution of slavery and its impact on enslaved persons and their descendants, **memorializes** victims of racial terror lynchings in our county, and **advances** the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration. It is affiliated with the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project and inspired by the EJI's Community Remembrance Project to memorialize the victims of racial terror lynchings. **PGC LMP Website** -- <https://pgclmp.org/>

**The Equal Justice Institute** - Founded by Bryan Stevenson, this nonprofit provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. In 2018, it opened the [Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration](#) and the [National Memorial for Peace and Justice](#) to address the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation, which shape many issues today.

**EJI Resources** <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/resources>  
<https://eji.org/projects/community-remembrance-project/>