

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including ours, have added an 8th Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

How to Make a Donation to Paint Branch

<https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/give/online>; or

Text the whole dollar amount to 301-321-7215; or

Place cash or a check in the offering basket, or mail a check to the church at: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.



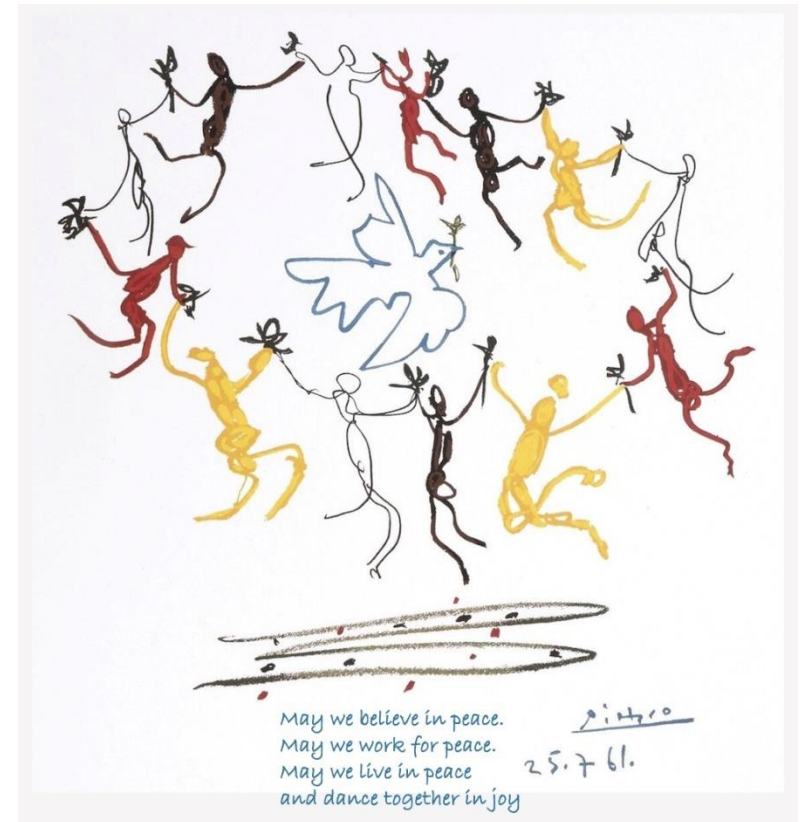
Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

301-937-3666

www.pbuuc.org

Meeting Sundays at 3pm at:
University Christian Church
6800 Adelphi Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Order of Service



Turning to Peace

Chalice Dancers

with Lula Beatty, *Worship Associate*

April 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm

REV. ANN KADLECEK, *MINISTER*
JEANNETTE JACKSON, *CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR*
SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCERS DIRECTOR*
FRANCESCO BERRETT, *INTERIM PIANIST*
AUDREY DIXON, *TECH SUPPORT SPECIALIST*

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

Worship Service

Sunday, April 28, 2024 3 pm

Gathering Music Francesco Barrett, Pianist

Prelude *Turning to Peace* Chalice Dancers
(Music by Paul Schwartz used with permission)
Choreography: Marcia Freeman and Sharon Werth

Welcome Lula Beatty, Worship Associate

Congregational Greeting

Call to Worship Sharon Werth, Chalice Dancer Director

Chalice Lighting

*To face the world's shadows, a chalice of light.
To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth,
To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage.
To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives.*

Lindsay Bates

Candle for all Peoples

Opening Hymn #168 *One More Step* Led by
Paint Branch Singers

Ukrainian Youth Dancers – *Kozachok* Roman Mykyta,
Choreographer
Traditional Folk Music, Greeting and Dance from Central Ukraine

Reflection We Believe in Peace Ken Shilling,
assisted by Karen Lee Scrivo

Joys and Sorrows Lynn Louison, Pastoral Care Associate
Communal Ritual
Silence

Dance Lo Yisa Goy Chalice Dancers
Sharon Werth, Choreographer

Vocals/Accompaniment –The Cheder Band; Shalom Altman, Composer
Traditional Hebrew from Isaiah 2:4: "Nation shall not lift up
word against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Reflection We Will Work for Peace Reena Bernards,
and Tom Smerling

Faris El-Layil *The Dabke Song* Traditional Palestinian
Dance and Music

Offering

Reflection We Will Live in Peace Lula Beatty

Dance *We Shall Overcome* Chalice Dancers
Choreographer, Sharon Werth

Charles Albert Tindley, Composer; arr. by Dr. Raymond Wise
Sung by Rise Choir (Music used with permission)

Closing Words

Response *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

Extinguishing Chalice

*"Our service has ended, but our work is not yet done. May
our spirits be renewed, and our purpose resolved as we
meet the challenges of the week. The chalice flame is
extinguished until once again ignited by the strength of our
communion.*

-- Martha Kirby Capo

Announcements

Postlude/Congregational Movement
Peace, Salaam, Shalom Chalice Dancers and PBUUC Singers
By Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow;
The Cheder Band; Ken Shilling, Drummer

** Please rise in body and/or spirit*

A special thank you!

Tech: Audrey Dixon, Liz Citrin & Andy McIntire

Ushers: Chris Evans and Rene McDonald

Lead Usher: Chris Evans

This service is recorded using a camera in the rear of the sanctuary. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in the back a couple of rows

Congregational Response The Beatitudes (translated from the Aramaic)

Blessed are those who breathe in Unity.

In a vast universe, I live humbly filled with One Breath.

Blessed are those who grieve and learn from their inner pain.

I emerge out of turmoil as Love carries me to greater wholeness.

Blessed are those who soften their rigidity so they can absorb what they need to heal. As fullness from the Birther flows through me, I dance with joy.

Blessed are those who overcome divisiveness as they seek justice of what is naturally stable, straight, and true.

The Spirit carries me in the direction of my true fulfillment with a sense of inner honesty and outer harmony.

Blessed are those who birth compassion from their innermost womb — being with the One.

Restored in perfect Union with radiant Love, I am empowered to extend grace and mercy to others.

Blessed are those who see the One Great Love everywhere.

Freed from the delusion of separateness, I shall radiate joy from my expansive heart of Love.

Blessed are those who plant Peace, — producing health, happiness, and harmony in abundance.

My life is a living fountain of One Great Love.

Blessed are those who feel dislocated because the birthing power compels them to abandon bad habits, false pretenses, and prejudices.

As I open in wholeness, may I touch my Home in the Divine Mystery more deeply.

Blessed are those who extend Love to unripened others who seek to divert unfolding in Spirit.

As I unfold in Spirit, I respond in Love to those who try to isolate and ignore me, or revile and shame me, in my pursuit of Peace and Justice.

DC Music Academy School of Ukrainian Dance

Established in September 2022, the school is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant dancing community. The program's mission is to offer a platform for children and adults to immerse themselves in rich traditions of Ukrainian dance. The school aims to foster a deep connection to Ukrainian heritage, providing a safe haven for self-expression, especially for Ukrainian refugees seeking comfort from the ongoing conflict. The school has locations in MD and VA and offers performing opportunities for students as young as 4 years old to adults. Contact: dcmusicacademydance@gmail.com

Today's Dancers: Vera Baydiuk, Leo Jordan, Claudia Mulkerrin, Johnny Mulkerrin, Matei Pidkivka and Yaremia Pidkivka

The Cheder Band

All members of the Cheder Band belong to the Cheder Community. <https://www.chedercommunity.org>

Tom Smerling, Guitar

Ben Rosenthal, Fiddle and Voice

Jen Braverman, Voice

Faris El-Layil Dabke

Faris El-Layil Dabke is a Dabke and Zaffa dance group performing in the greater DC area. For inquiries:

https://www.instagram.com/faris_ellayl_dabke/ or Text @ 571-259-7369

Today's Dancers: Mo Hawa and Amir Sumarin

ALTAR SCULPTURE

Stephanie Mercedes (mercedesartstudio@gmail.com) is a queer Latinx interdisciplinary artist who works in metal casting, welding, opera, sound, techno, and performance. They melt down weapons to create rituals of mourning and liberation. Mercedes upcoming performance "We Shall Not Inherit the Earth" with opera singer Fairouz Foty, will melt down drones to reflect on Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people. *We are very grateful for the loaning of this sculpture for our service.*

Contact info: https://www.instagram.com/mercedes_theartist/

The Chalice Dancers

The Chalice Dancers bring the joy of sacred movement into Sunday worship services. They expand and redefine the liturgical dance tradition for the Unitarian Universalist faith and the 21st century through their dance presentations and congregational movement. They are committed to bringing movement into the worship experience and the community. Sacred dance is an expression of faith.

They have been a part of PBUUC since 1994, and have been led by [Sharon Werth](#), Artistic Director, for over 25 years. The Chalice Dancers continue to envision ways of enhancing church life through liturgical dance. Collaborations with the choir, young people, musicians, poets and other dance groups enrich their offerings. Dancers include people with different dance traditions and abilities.

Today's Dancers: Reena Bernards, Abby Crowley, Marcia Freeman, Peggy Hoffman, Anne Hoover, Sherry Mitchell, Karen Lee Scrivo, Ken Shilling and Kathy Wallens