

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.

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

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

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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



This chalice, used by the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, Nebraska, was made by local potter Thomas Hamilton. It was inspired by the local landscape of rivers and prairie: river glaze colors, edge plants and stones, birds, and three rivers meeting in the cup. / Photograph by Rev. Shari Woodbury, First Unitarian Church of Omaha

An Attitude of Ultimate Optimism

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

May 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm

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

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Worship Service

Sunday, May 19, 2024 3 pm

Gathering Music Francesco Barrett, Pianist

Welcome Jacqui Walpole, Worship Associate

Congregational Greeting

Call to Worship Rev Roberta Finkelstein
"Grace Meets Us Where We Are" by Rev. Gretchen Haley

Opening Hymn #6 *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

Chalice Lighting

*Spark of the spirit
cupped in earth's embrace,
Light of love
alive in all creation,
As we kindle this flame,
we rekindle our connection
to the sacred web of life.*

Alive in All Creation by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Candle for all Peoples

Joys and Sorrows Margaret McLellan

Communal Ritual

Silence

Reflection Jacqui Walpole

Reading *from James Luther Adams*

Offering

Sermon Rev. Roberta Finkelstein
"An Attitude of Ultimate Optimism"

Hymn #1017 *We Are Building a New Way*

Closing Words
"In Honor" by Rev. Amanda Schuber

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

Response *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

Announcements

Music for Connection and Conversation

** Please rise in body and/or spirit*

A special thank you!

Tech: Audrey Dixon, Andy McIntire & Kathi Yu

Ushers: Kathy Bartolomeo & Chris Evans

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

Theme:

May 19th is Whitsunday in the Christian liturgical calendar and Pentecost in the Jewish liturgical calendar. What do the stories of these holidays have to do with us? One of the hallmarks of our faith, according to 20th century UU theologian James Luther Adams, is an attitude of ultimate optimism. This sermon looks at Adams' work and connects it back to the ancient stories about Whitsunday and Pentecost.