

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 22, 2020

WELCOME		Annie Stubbs
CHIME		
OPENING WORDS		Rev. Dr. Stephanie May
CHALICE LIGHTING & COVENANT		
	<i>With open minds and loving hearts, we gather to search for meaning, to care for one another, and to work together for a better world.</i>	
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<u>"Go Gently into the Morning"</u> <i>Douglas Wagner</i>	Polly Oliver
TIME FOR ALL AGES	<u>"Saturday"</u> <i>by Oge Mora</i>	Kate Holland
HYMN #1047	<u>"Nada Te Turbe"</u>	Dan Proctor, Spanish
TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION		
	<i>Prayer</i>	Rev. Dr. May
	<i>Moment of Stillness</i>	Helen Green
	<i>Sharing of our Joys and Sorrows</i>	Kathy Hecksher
TESTIMONIAL		
OFFERING		
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OFFERTORY	<u>"Waltz"</u> <i>Johannes Brahms, Op 39 no. 15</i>	Polly Oliver
READING	<u>"Respiration"</u> <i>By Jamaal May</i>	Matt Shear
SERMON	"Ambiguity "	Rev. Dr. May
HYMN #350	<u>"The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time"</u>	
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. May

Please join us for a virtual coffee hour.

The larger group will be divided into breakout groups. When you need to leave, simply click "leave session" in the bottom right corner, then click the door icon to "leave meeting."

NOTE: There will be an annotated copy of this Order of Service online next week which will have additional resource links. Be sure to check it out on the "Online Services" page of our website.

Today's Flowers are given by Molly Beard.

SEEK: Resources for Kids and Families provided by Kate Holland in our Weekly eblast on Thursdays.

CALENDAR

For scheduled online events check our weekly eblast for connection information or email connections@uuwayland.org

POLITY WITH ALEX AND DR. MAY, Monday March 23, 7:00 p.m. This semester Rev. Stephanie has been teaching a class at Harvard Divinity School on UU Polity. What is that?!? Come join Alex Jensen, ministerial intern and HDS Polity student, and Rev. Stephanie as they share about their experience teaching and learning about polity and what it means for our congregations.

SHOW-N-TELL with KATE, Tuesday, March 24, 3:30 p.m. Geared toward kids ages (approximately) 3-10, each child is invited to bring a special item to share with the group, where they will have a few minutes to tell the story of the item and its significance. Parents are also warmly invited to join, OR are enthusiastically encouraged to use this time to take a little break if needed.

MIDWEEK CHECK-IN, Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 p.m. A chance to touch-base with one another during the week about how things are going for you. Come to listen, come to share. Hosted by the Lay Ministers and staff. As needed, we will break into smaller groups online for closer connections.

KNIT 1, LAUGH 2, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Do you love to knit or want to learn? The knitters are always happy to see new faces. This small group meets on most Wednesdays--now online. Come knit yourself into a new community. Please email or call Greta Stone at 508-358-4729 to confirm the log-in information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE "PLATE" COLLECTIONS: The unspecified funds collected during online services will be shared with an organization supporting those impacted by this crisis. In March we will contribute to MetroWest Emergency Relief Fund (<https://foundationmw.org/give/emergency/>). More info on our website.

RUMMAGE UPDATE: The Alliance Board has decided that Rummage cannot take place on April 25 this year. The board and members will meet to discuss alternative ideas for fundraising later in the year. Look for more information in the April Unitarian.

BUILDING ACCESS: As staff work from home and the Preschool is closed, the building will be locked and secured. For more questions, contact John Thompson, jthompsonart@comcast.net.

OFFICE MOVING OFFSITE: The First Parish office will be moving offsite and online. To reach the office, simply call the main number. All voicemails will be automatically sent via email to Karen Plaskon, Office Administrator. Mail will also be forwarded to her, so some delays may occur. Email is best to reach Karen: office@uuwayland.org.

MARCH LAY MINISTER IS TED BARNES: Please feel free to contact Ted ted@soholistic.net, (508) 277-9666 if you need a ride; meals delivered; or just a friendly, confidential visit or chat.

MARCH MONTHLY THEME: AGE AND AGING

THE EXPERIENCE OF TIME

Part of our diversity as a community is being multi-aged. In what ways does being a particular age matter? How might we learn from those who are different ages or at different stages of life? While every life is unique, there can also be similar characteristics at different life stages—or assumptions and expectations from others about different parts of life. It can be taxing to navigate between age-related expectations of what a “x”-year-old person “should” do and what your own experience of life tells you. How might we age in ways that affirms our particular gifts, challenges, and opportunities?

For Reflection and Discussion:

1. If you could be any age, what would it be? Why?
2. What key lessons have you taken away from your childhood, 20's, 30's, etc.?
3. Who is your oldest friend? Your youngest?
4. What has been your most difficult age? Why?
5. What advice would you give a younger/older person about aging?
6. Have societal attitudes influenced how you respond to your age or aging?
7. Has anyone served as a model for how to live a certain age? What about them do you admire? What qualities in them do you want to imitate?

Wise Words:

- Each ten years of a life has its own fortune, its own hopes, its own desires. *Goethe*
- I am what time, circumstance, history, have made of me, certainly, but I am also, much more than that. So are we all. *James Baldwin*
- Another belief of mine: that everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise. *Margaret Atwood*
- I am convinced that most people do not grow up... We marry and dare to have children and call that growing up. I think what we do is mostly grow old. We carry accumulation of years in our bodies, and on our faces, but generally our real selves, the children inside, are innocent and shy as magnolias. *Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter*
- The truth is, we're all beginners when it comes to the process of aging. *Ezra Bayda*
- I've enjoyed every age I've been and each has had its own individual merit. Every laugh line, every scar, is a badge I wear to show I've been present, the inner rings of my personal tree trunk that I display proudly for all to see. Nowadays, I don't want a "perfect" face and body; I want to wear the life I've lived. *Pat Benatar*
- Sometime in this [eighty-something] decade, no matter how strongly they have denied their aging in the past, people in their eighties finally come to terms with the fact that they are old. Once you admit you are old, some doors do close, but others open. *Katherine Esty, EightySomethings*
- Age has no reality except in the physical world. The essence of a human being is resistant to the passage of time. *Gabriel Garcia Marquez*