

First U.U. Society of Marietta

April 5, 2020

Rev. Kathryn E. Hawbaker

Palm Sunday

Sustaining Hope



*I am the soul of nature that gives life to the universe.
(Stahawk)*

April: Tree of Life



Design & Photo by Jane Tumas-Serna

Send in your drawings or photos of a Tree of Life

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -Emily Dickinson



“Hope” is the thing with
feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without
the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale -
is heard -

And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

WELCOME

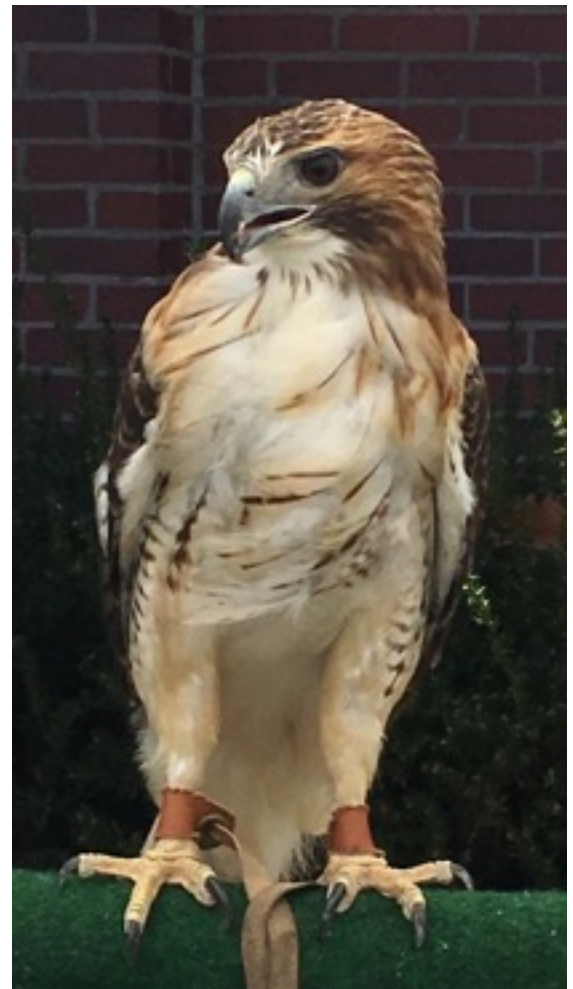
**Whoever you are, we welcome you
Wherever you come from, we welcome you
Whomever you love, we welcome you.**

(Hal Walker)

OPENING WORDS

**As part of the Marietta Community,
we acknowledge
that our building occupies
the traditional land
of various Native American tribes,
and we try to walk respectfully
and lightly upon that land.**

We honor the first people of this land,
this place of rivers and ridges,
Red-tailed hawks and other two leggeds.



Hawk from Marietta Earth Day

Chalice Lighting

(-light a chalice or candle)

#466 Religion by Vincent B. Silliman

Singing the Living Tradition

Let religion be to us life and joy.

Let it be a voice of renewing challenge to the best we have and may be; let it be a call to generous action.

Let religion be to us a dissatisfaction with things that are, which bids us serve more eagerly the true and right.

Let religion be to us the wonder and lure of that which is only partly known and understood:

An eye that glories in nature's majesty and beauty,
and a heart that rejoices in deeds of kindness and courage.

A Blessing

Music arranged by Jay Althouse

FUUSM CHOIR

Choir Director - Martha Webster



Choir practice at Suzyn Mills' home before the Stay at Home orders.

Congregational Singing

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

FUUSM AFFIRMATION

We, the members & friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta:

- Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views;
- Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions and seek lasting values and new insights;
- Affirm, defend, and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person;
- Strive for a world community of love, justice, and peace;
- Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships;
- Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.

Joys & Sorrows

Joys & Sorrows are shared in new ways: Grandparents and neighbors helping out. Wedding plans are being made, and food has been collected for those struggling to feed their families.



Offering

Boogie Woogie Prayer - Lewis, Ammons & Johnson

Randall Kidder, Pianist

Reflections

Ohio Poor Peoples Campaign

Exactly one year before his assassination (d. April 4, 1968), **Rev. Dr. King** addressed the nation from Riverside Church in New York City about the interlocking injustices of racism, poverty and militarism. The Poor People's Campaign emerged as a strategy to confront these ills, led by the poor and dispossessed who "have little to lose" coming "to take action together." Dr. King asserted, "...the whole structure of American life must be changed."

Today, the structure of American life is indeed changing as we respond to the double pandemic of poverty and COVID-19. There are record numbers joining the ranks of the unemployed; hospitals and morgues are overflow-

ing while the streets are empty; and many of the workers who have been deemed essential and mandated to work are those being paid the lowest wages, with the least worker protections.

We see a health care system on the brink after decades of budget cuts, privatization, and a focus on profits over patients and public health. We see, in stark reality, the truth that **140 million people in America are either already poor or one health care crisis or missed paycheck away from poverty**, nearly half of the U.S. population.

In times such as these, we cannot be silent anymore!
We must take action together and become a
“new and unsettling force in our complacent national life.”

*Be like a bird, who pausing in her flight
on a branch too slight as it gives way beneath her,
she sings, sings! knowing she has wings,
Yes, sings, sings, knowing she has wings.*

-Libana

Benediction

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Religion, uniting us with all that is admirable
in human beings everywhere;
Holding before our eyes a prospect of the better life for
humankind, which each may help to make actual.



Quilt by Rev. Diane Dowgiert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday April 5, 2020

Live Facebook @ 11am - Greetings from the Sanctuary.

Noon: Social Time via Zoom - Check-in & Share Information
Rev. Kat Hawbaker is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Worship & Check-In

Time: Apr 5, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until May 3, 2020, 5 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/947145629?pwd=M21XTHR5Vj-FUOE50REtKNnpJOUIwUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 145 629

Password: 513388

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Church of the Larger Fellowship - Quest for Meaning 8pm ET
Worship: Go to website & click to get a password to join the gathering.

Monday April 6, 2020 **Caring Committee** meets via phone calls.

Wed. April 8 **FUUSM Meditation @ Noon.**

via Zoom Meeting & Facebook Live

Make Every Day Earth Day

Even if there is no community celebration or observance at the Armory, we can do more do promote conservation, recycling, renewable energy, and legislative initiatives and priorities.

The annual **Empty Bowls** event is set up to channel our contributions and those of the wider community to assist area food pantries. I contributed via Facebook-
Empty Bowls of the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Join us next week for various offerings for Easter

