

June Sunday Services 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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If you have trouble connecting into the Zoom Room, sometimes closing down your computer and starting again can refresh the connection.

It can be frustrating, but we are learning and growing together.

SUNDAYS

We continue to expand our access for Sunday Services this summer.

Find us on **FaceBook Live**, or view the recorded service from our FUUSM Facebook page or YouTube channel. Thanks to our tech support people: Mike Bailey, Ralph Olander, and Michelle Wilson (social media).

Check FUUSM-L email list for information on links.

Our service will show on **Zoom** (with guests muted) followed by a time of sharing. Please practice consideration, and if your connection is unstable, you might turn off your video for better audio, or start-over (turn-off/reboot) and try again.

If you have **Joys & Sorrows** to share please contact Rev. Hawbaker directly by email revkat@suddenlinkmail.com or by phone (937) 470-4151, through text, Messenger or FB and/or consider checking in through the Sunday Zoom Gathering. Checking-in enhances our community.

Announcements are at the end of the Order of Service.

June is Pride Month.

Sat. June 20, 2020 Virtual Moral March on Washington.

UUA General Assembly June 24-28 *see schedule for public access & special events.

UUMA Ministry Days June 22-23 - Virtual Meetings

Sunday June 14, 2020

Order of Service

I Wish I Knew How

Justice, Science & Democracy

Hymn #65 *The Sweet June Days* is included in the Prelude -Medley of Hymns
Do you hear and recognize it? {Bonus Points if you know the others.}

Worship Team: Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker & Martha McGovern, Worship Associate
Mike Bailey, Technical Service, and Randall Kidder, Pianist

Where is the balm from Gilead?

The **Balm of Gilead** is interpreted as a spiritual medicine that is able to heal Israel (& sinners in general).

What sweetness and light can we find in the longer days of summer?

[Wikipedia] Originally "sweetness and light" had a special use in literary and cultural criticism meaning "pleasing and instructive", which in classical theory is considered to be the aim & justification of poetry.

[Jonathan Swift](#) first used the phrase in his mock-heroic prose satire, "[The Battle of the Books](#)" (1704), a defense of Classical learning. It gained widespread currency in the [Victorian era](#), when English poet and essayist [Matthew Arnold](#) picked it up as the title of the first section of his 1869 book *Culture and Anarchy: An Essay in Political and Social Criticism*, where "sweetness and light" stands for beauty and intelligence, the two key components of an excellent culture.

What steps are you taking to follow the Quaker adage

Live simply, so that others can simply live?

Prelude *Flowers Come Forward* -A Medley of Hymns Randall Kidder

including *The Sweet June Days* -words by Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

Music: English Melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, (1872-1958). TUNE: Forest Green

1. The sweet June days are come again; once more the glad earth yields its golden wealth of rip'ning grain,
the breath of clover fields, and deep'ning shade of summer woods, and glow of summer air,
and winging thoughts and happy moods of love and joy and prayer.

2. The sweet June days are come again; the birds are on the wing; bright anthems, in their merry strain,
unconsciously they sing. Oh, how our cup o'er brims with good these happy summer days;
for all the joys of field and wood we lift our song of praise.

Unconsciously they sing?... that's for the birds~ We welcome you to sing while muted
for your benefit and ours- Zoom doesn't do well with multiple voices). Hear with your hearts.

Welcome Song
by Hal Walker

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

Welcome

Martha McGovern, Worship Associate



Chalice Lighting

Rev. Hawbaker & Mike Bailey

*We are each other's
harvest:
we are each other's
business:
we are each other's
magnitude and bond.*

—Gwendolyn Brooks

Opening Hymn #151 *I Wish I Knew How* -Nina Simone (1954–2003)
in Singing the Living Tradition Words & music: Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas, arr. by Mary Allen Walden

1) I wish I knew how it would feel to be free. I wish I could break all these chains holding me.
I wish I could say all the things I could say, say 'em loud, say 'em clear, for the whole world to hear.
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear, for the whole world to hear.

2) I wish I could share all the love in my heart, remove all the bars that still keep us apart.
I wish you could know what it means to be me, then you'd see and agree, everyone should be free.
Then you'd see and agree, everyone should be free.

3) I wish I could give all I'm longing to give. I wish I could live, like I'm longing to live.
I wish I could do all the things I can do. Though I'm way over due, I'd be starting anew.
Though I'm way over due, I'd be starting anew.

4) I wish I could be like a bird in the sky. How sweet it could be if I found I could fly.
I'd soar to the sun and look down to the sea, then I'd sing 'cause I know how it feels to be free.
then I'd sing 'cause I know how it feels to be free.

*Poetry lays the foundations for a future of change,
a bridge across our fears of what has never been before. —Audre Lorde*

Poem Excerpt from *Let America Be American Again* by Langston Hughes
Shared by Martha McGovern



Poem *When Fannie Lou Hamer said...* -Mahogany Browne (Youtube)

Meditation *There is a Balm in Gilead.* -Ysaye Barnwell
Singing in the African American Tradition

Chorus: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

v.1 If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, He died to save us all.

v.2 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Collection of the Offering

Thank-you for your generous gifts.

Your envelopes and pledge payments make going to the mailbox a joy, confirming the value of our covenant and commitments.

I Wish I Knew How -to invest my resources in positive change.

I was first introduced to Socially Responsible Investing at General Assembly in 1988.

This year, I'm reading more about reparations, and looking for opportunities to support Black Lives U.U. & local Black Lives Matter and other organizing efforts. What can we do in these times to invest in our values and help build healthy communities for all? -Rev. Kat Hawbaker

“It is insufficient to seek a return to “normal.” We must reckon with the reality that there is both opportunity and risk in this moment. We already see the ways that corporate bailouts are taking place over ensuring the basic needs of all people.

This pandemic could be a moment where we respond in ways that reinforce a deadly status quo or – with the effort of people pulling together – it could be a time of major investment in equity and justice – finally putting people and the planet over profits.”

-Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President

Reflection: *Justice, Science & Democracy* Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker

Justice is Love made Visible

Science Informs our Faith

Defending Democracy This pandemic has opened our eyes to the widening gaps of inequality that diminish our democracy.

Extinguish the Chalice

Closing

To Be Free

Nina Simone

Reprise

I Wish I Knew How

Social Check-In Join us for Joys & Sorrows and a Time of Sharing on Zoom

WE are not in this alone and we don't have to figure it out on our own.

Reach out to congregations near you, reach out to your colleagues across congregations, reach out to your UUA Regional staff.

It matters that we support the uprisings whose goal is the liberation of Black people and communities who for too long have been crushed by white supremacy, militarism, and capitalism. We must find the sources within ourselves to give us courage in this moment.

To resist. To risk. To sacrifice for this movement that needs all of us to succeed. To be midwives for a new era in which all of us will be free. -Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President

from UUA Statement of Conscience 2019 (Complete text available @ UUA.org)

Our Democracy Uncorrupted

As people of faith committed to “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large,” we must continuously strive toward uncorrupted democracy. As a means to an end, democracy organizes decision-making among diverse people and preserves stability while balancing competing interests. But democracy is not merely a means. It is an end in itself, an ethical ideal, a moral and spiritual way of relating to one another. Sadly, many of our democratic institutions have been corrupted into being merely a means for giving powerful interests the appearance of legitimacy.

The promise of democracy is for a life that fashions us as the people we want to be. Terry Tempest Williams calls us to be resolute and courageous in our trust: “Can we be equitable? Can we be generous? Can we listen with our whole beings, not just our minds, and offer our attention rather than our opinions? And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up – ever – trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?”

**Sunrise is a movement to stop climate change
and create millions of good jobs in the process.**

We're building an army of young people to make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people.

We are ordinary young people who are scared about what the climate crisis means for the people and places we love. We are gathering in classrooms, living rooms, and worship halls across the country. Everyone has a role to play. Public opinion is already with us - if we unite by the millions we can turn this into political power and reclaim our democracy.

**We are not looking to the right or left. We look forward.
Together, we will change this country and this world,
sure as the sun rises each morning.**

Learning about African American Spirituals

In the 1920s, the Black Renaissance was an artist movement concerning poetry and music. “It was an evidence of a renewed race-spirit that consciously and proudly sets itself apart”, explained Alan Locke. So, the use of dialect was taboo, in this movement. The “race-spirit” infused the work of musicians and writers like Langston Hughes. For the first time, African Americans realized that their roots were deep in the land of their birth.

Thomas A. Dorsey was the first who composed new songs in the tradition of spirituals. He called them Gospel songs, and he is considered the Father of Gospel music.

Friday Juneteenth Teach-In with Black Lives Matter (MOV)

[Wikipedia]

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or **Juneteenth** independence day, is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederate States of America.

In many ways, Juneteenth represents how freedom and justice in the US **has always been delayed** for black people. The decades after the end of the war would see a wave of lynching, imprisonment, and Jim Crow laws take root. What followed was the disproportionate impact of mass incarceration, discriminatory housing policies, and a lack of economic investment. And now, as national attention remain focused on **acts of police violence** and **various racial profiling incidents**, it is clear that while progress has been made in black America’s 150 years out of bondage, considerable barriers continue to impede that progress. [Vox]

And when Houston refused to close its banks on Memorial Day in 1919 (only to do so four days later on Jefferson Davis Day, honoring the former Confederate president), Juneteenth celebrants still did their own remembering, in Hayes Turner’s words, to project “identification with American ideals” in “a potent life-giving event ... a joyful retort to messages of overt racism ... a public counter-demonstration to displays of Confederate glorification and a counter-memory to the valorization of the Lost Cause.”

[*What Is Juneteenth?* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. | Originally posted on The Root]

Poverty Amidst Pandemic Special on MSNBC

TONIGHT Sunday June 14, at 7pm PT / 10pm ET

join Rev. Dr. William Barber and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, Joy Reid, and state leaders from across the country for a special on the double crisis of pandemic and poverty and how poor & low-income people are being impacted, and fighting back.

Sat. June 20



Join us on June 20, 2020 for the [Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington Digital Justice Gathering](#), the largest digital gathering of poor and impacted people in this nation's history.

Poor and impacted people from throughout the country will testify about their experiences of systemic racism, poverty, immigration and more, introduced by actors and activists including Former Vice President Al Gore, Danny Glover, Erika Alexander, Jane Fonda, David Oyelowo, Wanda Sykes and Debra Messing.

Together, we will change the narrative. [Join us at june2020.org](http://june2020.org)

Announcements

Confluence Newsletter Deadline - Thurs. June 18 adesign@suddenlink.net

June is Pride Month. “I see your true colors shining through...”

*Remember Andrew Clovis's moving presentation last year on the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall resistance & public witness action.

Expand your Resources

Imara Jones is an Emmy and Peabody Award-winner and the creator of [TransLash Media](#), a cross-platform journalism, personal storytelling and narrative project, which produces content to shift the current culture of hostility towards transgender people in the US.

Social Justice

Join MOV Climate Action on Zoom on June 18th (7-9pm) for a discussion of the film *The Story of Plastic* and suggestions of actions we can take - individually or as a group- [#BreakFreeFromPlastic](#)

Adult R.E. Monday June 15 (6:30-8pm).

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven - a 6 session UU religious education curriculum by Shirley Ann Ranck in feminist theology for adults and older young people.
Closing Activity - Creating an altar in the FUUSM Courtyard.

A new series will start in July for folxs who might enjoy a study circle like this.
Rise Up & Call Her Name.

UUA General Assembly June 24-28, 2020

The Service of the Living Tradition (SLT) is Thurs. June 25, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Sunday Worship Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will stream on uua.org/ga Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10:00am EDT & again at 10:00am PDT. Members of the public are welcome to view the service. Choose what fits your schedule.

You can join the FUUSM Zoom Service at 11am, & watch the second showing of the GA Sunday Morning Worship featuring Rev. Danielle De Bona (1pm local time EDT).

The worship service will include a collection for the [Tomaquag Museum](#), an indigenous museum featuring an extensive collection and archive of Southern New England tribal communities.