

# Lives In Balance

\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

**Gathering Music** (recorded) “We are Dancing in a Circle” Jennifer Armstrong

When spring rolls around and we work the fertile ground,  
Our hands plant the seeds of our dreams in the earth.  
Seed time, dream time, everything is new,  
We’re young and green and growing when planting’s what we do.

CHORUS: We are dancing, we are dancing,  
we are dancing in the circle of time without end.

**Welcome Song** “Earth, My Body” source unknown

Earth, my body; water, my blood;  
Air, my breath; and fire, my spirit.

**Welcome** Rebecca Phillips, worship associate

## Acknowledging Native Lands

“Enjoy the land, but own it not. Through want of enterprise and faith men (people)  
are where they are, buying and selling, and spending their lives like serfs.  
“Spring,” H.D. Thoreau, in *Walden*

**Prelude** Invention No.VI in E Major Johann Sebastian Bach

**Chalice Lighting** “A Flame to Light Our Path” Debra Burrell

**\*Opening Hymn #63** “Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers”  
words: Piae Cantiones; music: Thomas Benjamin

**Meditation** Lotus Flower

**Time for All Ages** *Balance*

**Sending Chant** “Reach Out Your Hand”  
Reach out your hand, joy is passing by, (3x)  
Singing glory hallelujah! Joy is passing by.

“Pain and suffering are a kind of currency passed from hand to hand  
until they reach someone who receives them but does not pass them on.” Simone Weil

**Offertory** “We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle” words: Carole A. Etzler  
Hymn #212 in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: African American spiritual

**Reflection** *Lives in Balance* Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker

**\*Closing Hymn #163** “For the Earth Forever Turning” words and music: Kim Oler  
arranged by Nick Page and Jim Scott

**Closing Words** “Each of Us Ministers to a Weary World” Darcy Roake

**Postlude** “Let It Be a Dance” music and Words: Ric Masters  
Hymn #311 in *Singing the Living Tradition* arranged by Betty A. Wylder

## Announcements

(Facebook Live ends)

**Joys & Sorrows** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Closing Chant** Earth, my body; water, my blood;  
Air, my breath; and fire, my spirit.



## Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!

- **Lela Erb** and **Deborah Lauer** will provide childcare during the service.
- We are grateful to our childcare staff; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our coffee hour volunteers; today’s host, **Nina Redd**, and greeter, **Adeline Bailey**; and to our minister, **Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker**.
- If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host or to **Rev. Hawbaker**.

## Announcements

### Today

- **Coffee hour!** Please join us downstairs in the social hall for coffee and conversation. **Joan Coffey** and **Jay Warmke** will be serving. Also during coffee hour, **Ralph Olander** will be taking photos of members and friends for a forthcoming photo directory.
- 12:30 p.m., **Green Sanctuary Committee**, RE building parlor
- 6 p.m., **Vernal Equinox Celebration** and Blessing of the Seeds, FUUSM courtyard (weather permitting).
- 8 p.m., **Celebrate World Water Week** with Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth! Join us in the FUUSM social hall for a galvanizing concert via Zoom with the inspiring musician and religious leader Aly Halpert (she/her)! As we face ongoing climate challenges, let's be inspired by community and song to continue and to deepen our engagement.

See the **FUUSM Weekly Update** in your email tomorrow for additional events.

**Service Auction**, Friday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at Marietta College's Gathering Place. Send descriptions of items you will offer for the auction catalog to Cindy Brown (lablibn@gmail.com). To donate "country store" items, contact Dawn Hewitt (hewitt@earth-maker.com or (812) 320-3449).

**The Confluence** deadline is March 20 for the April edition.

**FUUSM office hours:** Mon., Tu., Th., Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (740) 373-1238, fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com or fuusm.office@gmail.com.

Rev. Hawbaker is generally in the office Mon., Wed., and Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Appointments available by text or phone at (937) 470-4151, or via email to [revkatgreen@gmail.com](mailto:revkatgreen@gmail.com).

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