

Trees of Life

“When we plant trees,
we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope.”
-Dr. Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize laureate

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

Welcome Song “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”
Hymn #59 in *Singing the Living Tradition*
*Come, come whoever you are,
Wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.*

Welcome Martha McGovern, worship associate

Prelude “The Earth Prelude” Ludovico Einaudi
Randall Kidder, pianist

Chalice Lighting “Love’s Lantern” Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

***Opening Hymn #207** “Earth Was Given as a Garden”

Time for All Ages *We Planted a Tree* By Diane Muldrow, illustrated by Bob Staake
Publisher Random House Children’s Book supports the First Amendment
and celebrates the right to read.

Sending Song “My Roots, They Go Down” Sarah Pirtle

Meditation with Movement Tree Tai Chi

Special Music “A Jubilant Song” Victor C. Johnson, performed by the FUUSM Choir

Story *The Giving Tree* (with an alternate ending) Shel Silverstein

Collection of the Offering

Offertory “Almond Trees, Renewed in Bloom” Martha Webster, vocalist
Hymn #59 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Poems “Trees” Joyce Kilmer
“How different we are from trees” Aytaç Aydoğan Edwards

Reflection *Trees of Life* Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker

***Closing Hymn #123** “Spirit of Life”

Benediction

Postlude “Fragrant Fields” Art Lande

Announcements (Facebook Live ends)

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

Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!

- **Owen Cejka** and **Lela Erb** will provide childcare during the service.
- We are grateful to our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our soloist and choir director, **Martha Webster**, and to **the FUUSM choir**; to our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our Coffee Hour volunteers; to today’s host, **Nina Redd**, and greeters, **Jim Grecni** and **Debra Miller**; to our childcare staff; 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 during Coffee Hour.

Announcements

Today

- **Coffee Hour!** Please join us downstairs in the social hall. **Tom Cunningham**, **Mark Krivchenia**, and **Annie Warmke** will be your servers.
- 12:30 p.m., **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor; **Article II discussion**, social hall.

Monday, May 22

- 7 p.m., **Finance Committee** meeting via Zoom, sanctuary.
- 8 p.m., UU Hymn sing, sanctuary.

Tuesday, May 23

- 3:30-6:30 p.m., Girl Scout troop meets in social hall.

Wednesday, May 24

- Noon, **meditation** via Zoom.
- 3 p.m. private meeting, social hall.

Thursday, May 25

- 4 p.m. **Plant delivery. Volunteers needed.**

Friday, May 26

- 9:30 a.m., **Plant sale setup. Volunteers needed.**

Saturday, May 27

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Plant Sale. Volunteers needed.**
- 3-5 p.m., African drumming.

Today is the last day to sign up for the cruise!

The **FUUSM cruise on the Valley Gem** will be 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 11. Tickets are \$30 per person. All proceeds benefit FUUSM. **Make checks payable to FUUSM, with Memo: Valley Gem Cruise.** See **Virginia Henthorn, George Banziger, or Dawn Hewitt** during coffee hour.

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.

FUUSM Affirmation

We, the members and 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.*

Sunday, May 21, 2023

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