

**Welcome Song** “Whoever You Are, We Welcome You” Hal Walker  
**Whoever you are, we welcome you.**  
**Wherever you come from, we welcome you.**  
**Whomever you love, we welcome you.**

**Welcome** Dawn Hewitt, worship leader  
**Honoring Indigenous Peoples**

**Prelude** “The Oneness of Everything” Jim Scott  
Hymn 1052 in *Singing the Journey* Randall Kidder, pianist

**Chalice Lighting**

**Black History Month: *The Harlem Renaissance*** Introduced by Ami Rush

**Reading** “The Peace of the Wild Things” Wendell Berry

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Opening Hymn #175** “We Celebrate the Web of Life” words: Alicia S. Carpenter;  
in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: Melchior Vulpius

**\*F.U.U.S.M. Affirmation**

**Time for All Ages** *Welcome Home, Bear: A Book of Animal Habitats*  
Il Sung Na

**Sending Song** “Go Now in Peace” Natalie Sleeth  
Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

**Collection of Offerings**

**Offertory** “Aspens in January” Michael Gettel

**Reflection** *Appreciating Our Natural World* Vic Elam

**\*Closing Hymn #207** “Earth Was Given as a Garden” words: Roberta Bard  
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

**Closing Words** “When the Earth, its products, its creatures become his concern, man is caught up in a cause greater than his own life and more meaningful. Only when man loses himself in an endeavor of that magnitude does he walk and live with humility and reverence.”  
—US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas (1898–1980)

**Postlude** “For the Beauty of the Earth” music: Conrad Kocher

**Announcements**

Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows/Wheel of Life**

(Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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**Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!**

- Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka, Lela Erb, and Deborah Lauer.**
- We are grateful to our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; to our tech crew, **Mike Bailey and Ralph Olander**; to our Coffee Hour volunteers; to today’s host, **Adeline Bailey**, and greeter, **Rhonda Newhart**; to our worship leader, **Dawn Hewitt**; and to our guest speaker, **Vic Elam.**

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host.

**Announcements**

**Today**

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1:30 p.m. **Mark Krivchenia, Cathy Rees,** and ??? will be serving.
- 12:30 p.m, **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor.
- 12:30 p.m., **Board of Trust Governors meeting**, RE upstairs meeting room.

**Monday, February 19: Presidents Day. FUUSM Office closed.**

**Tuesday, February 20**

- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop in social hall.
- 6:00–9 p.m., **The Work That Reconnects** workshop series, session 4, via Zoom.

### Wednesday, February 21

- Noon, Meditation via [Zoom](#).
- 6 p.m., **Men's Group potluck**, social hall. George Banziger will host.

### Sunday, February 25

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary. New members are always welcome!
- 9:30 a.m., **Today's Issues** discussion group, RE parlor.
- 9:30 a.m., **Buildings & Grounds Committee** meeting, social hall.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary: Israel and Palestine: The 2023 Gaza War, with Mideast expert Janice Terry, PhD.
- 11 a.m., MOV Friends (Quaker) meeting, RE parlor.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. (Ends at 1 p.m.)
- 1 p.m., **Workshop on Conflict Resolution**, social hall, moderated by George Banziger.

**FUUSM Office hours:** Mon., Tu., Th., Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (740) 373-1238, [fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com). Rev. Hawbaker is on sabbatical through March 2024.

### 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.*

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Sunday, February 18, 2024

## Appreciating Our Natural World