

*“Ultimately, our greatest creative act is the living of our daily lives. Creativity is about making space and listening deeply to our lives and the world around us; seeing beneath the surface of things to the depth dimension of the world; opening ourselves to the newness that stirs there; developing a relationship to mystery; cultivating a sense of spontaneity and playfulness; and giving form in a loving and intentional way to our commitments. All of these processes contribute in significant ways to the creation of meaning in our lives.”*

— Christine Valters Paintner, Ph.D.

**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/Acknowledging Native Lands** Virginia Henthorn, worship leader

**Prelude** “Dancing Barefoot in the Rain,” by Nkeiru Okoye; Randall Kidder, pianist

**Chalice Lighting/Call to Worship** “The Sacred Dance for Life” by Hafiz

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Opening Hymn** “Morning Has Broken,” verses 1 and 3 words: Eleanor Farjeon;  
#38 in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: Gaelic melody

**\*F.U.U.S.M. Affirmation** (see back page, screen or inside front cover of hymnal)

### **Time for All Ages**

*“Art is a heart-centered way we find meaning and ask big questions. Dance is the embodiment of meaning-making and living deeply.” — Rev. Peggy Clarke*

**Congregational Chant with Movement:** “Blessing to the World”  
words: Karen Drucker; music: David Bruner

Video of Chalice Dancers of Paint Branch UU Church in Hyattsville, Maryland

**I am the heart, I am the hands, I am the voice of spirit on Earth.  
In all that I am and all that I do, I’m a blessing to the world.  
You are ...  
We are ...**

## **Sending Song and Offertory “Blessing to the World” Collection of Offerings**

### **Reflection**

Adeline Bailey: David Brooks on attention and the value of the arts

Martha McGovern and Marlene L’Abbe: From poem to painting

Chris Hoke: The process of creation

Kelcey Jacobs: Christine Paintner on creative expression and spiritual growth

**\*Closing Hymn** “Let It Be a Dance” verses 1 and 3 Ric Masten

#311 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

### **Closing Words**

**Postlude** “Praise in Springtime” music: Thomas Benjamin;  
#1005 in *Singing the Journey* words: William Channing Garnett

### **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!**

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

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka, Lela Erb, Deborah Lauer, and Levi Weppner**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey, Ralph Olander, and Maeve Johnston**; our Coffee Hour volunteers; our Decor & Decoration team, led by **Jane Tumas-Serna**; today’s host, **Elaine Barr**, and greeter, **Jonathan Brier**; our worship leader, **Virginia Henthorn**, and **Adeline Bailey, Martha McGovern, Marlene L’Abbe, Chris Hoke, and Kelcey Jacobs** for their help with this service.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

# Creativity & Spirituality

## Announcements

- **Coffee Hour!!** Social hall. Must end by 1:15 p.m.
- 12:30 p.m., **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor.
- 1:30 p.m., tentative outside group use of social hall (Karen Binkley).

**Monday, May 20: June Confluence content due!**

**Tuesday, May 21**

- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop in social hall.
- 7 p.m., **Finance Committee** meeting via Zoom.

**Wednesday, May 22**

- Noon, **Meditation** via Zoom.

**Friday, May 24**

- 7 p.m., *Seven Up* and Popcorn (service auction item), social hall. \$15.

**Sunday, May 26**

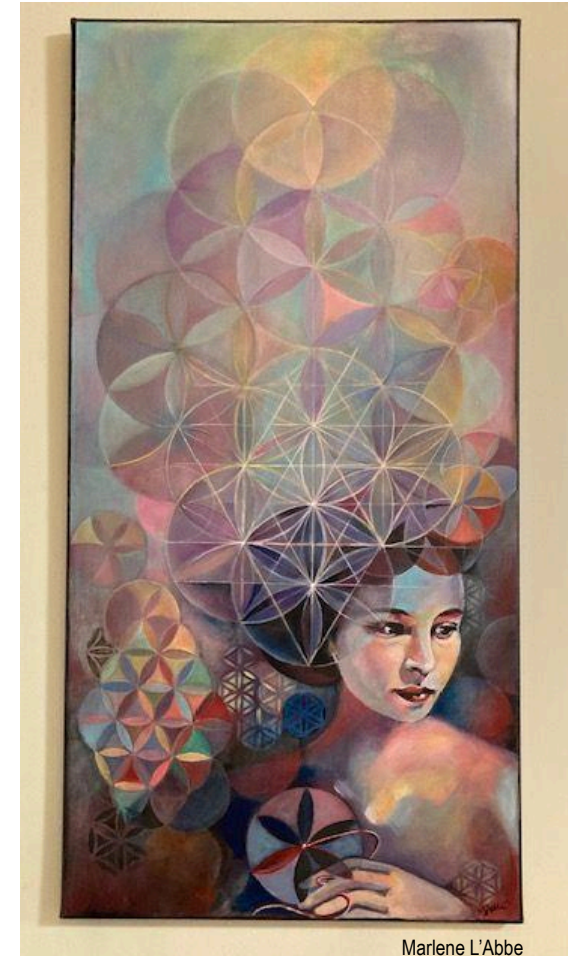
- 9:30 a.m., **Buildings & Grounds Committee** meeting, social hall.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary. Memorial Day service.
- 11 a.m., MOV Friends (Quakers) meeting RE parlor.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1:15 p.m.

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## 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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