

**Covenant or Vow:** an earnest promise or pledge that binds one to perform a specified act or to behave in a certain manner; especially, a solemn promise to live and act in accordance with the faith and prescriptions of a religious body.

**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** Martha McGovern, worship leader

**Honoring Indigenous People** *Whereas* by Layli Long Soldier, and U.S. apology

**Prelude** “*Essene Hymn*,” No. 10 in *Music for the Piano, Volume IV (Hymns from a Great Temple and Other Selected Works)* Georges Ivanovitch Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann  
Randall Kidder, pianist

**Chalice Lighting** words of Frederick E. Gillis #694 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Hymn #213** “There’s a Wideness in Your Mercy” words: Frederick William Faber  
in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: Amos Pillsbury’s *United States’ Sacred Harmony*

**Time for All Ages** “One Hundred Sheep” in *Who Counts?*  
(a creative retelling of three parables told by Jesus) by Amy-Jill Levine &  
Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Margaux Meganck

**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.**

**\*F.U.U.S.M. Affirmation** (see screen or inside cover of *Singing the Living Tradition*)

**Collection of Offerings**

**Offertory** “This Old World” from *Southern Harmony*

**Reflection** *Forgiving Ourselves and Each Other* Martha McGovern

**Ritual of Forgiveness** Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker, Martha McGovern,  
Worship & Music Committee and the FUUSM Board of Trustees

**“We Begin Again in Love”** #1037 in *Singing the Journey*  
words: Robert Eller-Isaacs; music: Les Kleen

**Refrain: We forgive ourselves and each other. We begin again in love.**

**Narrators:**

1. For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference...
2. For letting fear make us rigid or withdrawn...
3. For striking out in anger without thought of the other...
4. For letting greed blind us to the needs of others...
5. For being too self-centered to hear or see others...
6. For causing damage in a moment of inattention or carelessness...
7. For falling short in enacting our FUUSM affirmation...
8. For these and for any acts, whether obvious or subtle, which have desecrated the unity of all beings, of all life...

**Unison Reading #694** words of Frederick E. Gillis

**May the Love which overcomes all differences, which heals all wounds, which puts to flight all fears, which reconciles all who are separated, be in us and among us, now and always.**

**\*Closing Hymn #323 “Break Not the Circle,”** verses 1 & 2 words: Fred Kaan  
in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: Thomas Benjamin

**Closing Words** “How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle? How deeply you’re connected to my soul?”

**Postlude** “How Could Anyone” # 1053 in *Singing the Journey* Libby Roderick

**Announcements**

Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows/Wheel of Life** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Welcome! We're glad you're here!**

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka**, **Lela Erb**, **Deborah Lauer**, and **Levi Wepler**; our Decor & Decoration team, led by **Jane Tumas Serna**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey**, **Meabh (Maeve) Daly** and **Ralph Olander**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **George** and **Gwen Banziger** and **MickiAnne Henkels**; today's hosts, **Darryl** and **Cynthia Ting**; our worship leader, **Martha McGovern**, and all the others who participated in today's service; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; and 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.

### **Announcements**

#### **Today**

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Birthday celebration for Linda Needham, ends at 2 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m., **Committee on Ministries** meeting, RE parlor.

#### **Monday, Oct. 7**

- 2 p.m., **Caring Committee** meeting via Zoom.
- 6:30 p.m., **FUUSM Board of Trustees meeting**, RE parlor.

#### **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

- Noon, UU+ Women's Book Group, Parkersburg Country Club.
- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 9**

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, social hall, hosted by Shari Ballantyne and Susan Henderson.

#### **Saturday, Oct. 12**

- 3:30–9 p.m., sanctuary and social hall reserved for service auction item. (Dawn Hewitt and Randall Kidder)

#### **Sunday, Oct. 13**

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary; guest speaker Peter Mather will speak on *Becoming a Flourishing Community*.
- 11 a.m., Quaker meeting (MOV Friends), RE parlor.
- **Honoring Indigenous People**, on sidewalk in front of FUUSM.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 2024

# **We Forgive Ourselves and Each Other**



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*Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.*