

Welcome Song “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words: adapted from Rumi; music: Lynn Adair Ungar

**Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come.**

Welcome

Suzyn Mills, worship leader

Prelude “Aspens in January ”

by Michael Gettel; **Randall Kidder**, pianist

Chalice Lighting

Andrew Root

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #159** “This is My Song” Lloyd Stone, words; Jean Sebelius, music
in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Story for All Ages *The Oak Tree*

by The Fable Cottage

Sending Song “Go Now in Peace”

Natalie Sleeth, words and music

**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

Collection of Offerings

Offertory “Blessed Spirit of My Life”

Shelley Jackson Denham

Reflection *35 Years as a Minister’s Wife*

Ellie Searl

***Closing Hymn #311** “Let It Be a Dance”

Ric Masten, words and music

in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Closing Words

Postlude “Busca el Amor”

by Salvador Cardenal Barquero

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

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

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka, Lela Erb, and Levi Wepler**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey, Ralph Olander, and Meabh (Maeve) Daly**; our Design & Decoration team, led by **Jane Tumas Serna**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Adeline Bailey, Shari Ballantyne, and Beth Lepore**; today’s host, **Dawn Hewitt**, and greeter, **Scott Lacey**, our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our worship leader, **Suzyn Mills**; and our guest speaker, **Ellie Searl**.

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

Announcements

Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.
- Afternoon, private group (Laura Delancy).

Tuesday, January 14

- Noon: UU+ Women’s book group, Parkersburg Country Club.
- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.
- 6:30 p.m., Shari Ballantyne’s **game night**, social hall. You’re invited!

Wednesday, January 15

- 6 p.m., **Men’s Group potluck**, social hall. Kim McMichael will host.

Saturday, January 18

- 10:30 a.m., Tai chi reunion, social hall.

Sunday, January 19

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary. *What Would MLK Say?* Martha McGovern, worship leader.
- **Coffee hour and Community Service activity!** Social hall.
- ~~12:30 ish, p.m., **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting postponed.~~

Monday, January 20: MLK Day, FUUSM office closed.

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To honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Marietta College is sponsoring a week of service, January 18–25, and a kickoff **MLK Celebration** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, January 18, at McDonough Auditorium. Please see the poster in the social hall. Free and open to the public. Scan this QR code for more information:



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.*

Congratulations to newlyweds Caitlin Harrison and Emily Griffith,

who were married here at FUUSM yesterday!

Thanks to Ron Rees for officiating.



Sunday, January 12, 2025

35 Years a Minister's Wife



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