

“True freedom requires the rule of law and justice, and a judicial system in which the rights of some are not secured by the denial of rights of others.”

—Jonathan Sacks, rabbi and member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom

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 & Honoring Indigenous People Martha McGovern, worship leader

Prelude “Hymn to Freedom” (first chorus) by Oscar Peterson;
Randall Kidder, pianist

Chalice Lighting inspired by the words of Dillman Baker Sorrells

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #298** “Wake, Now, My Senses,” verses 1,3,4
in *Singing the Living Tradition* words: Thomas J.S.Mikelson; music: Traditional Irish melody

Time for All Ages Why do we celebrate Passover?

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 “Can I See Another's Woe?” Melody based on “*Veni Redemptor Gentium*,”
Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

Reflection *They Might Not Come for You* David Torbett, PhD

***Closing Hymn #119** “Once to Every Soul and Nation”
in *Singing the Living Tradition* words: James Russell Lowell; music: Thomas John Williams

Responsive Closing Words “Liberation Is Costly”

adapted from Bishop Desmond Tutu

Liberation is costly. Even after the Lord had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, they had to travel through the desert.

They had to bear the responsibilities and difficulties of freedom.

We must remember that liberation is costly. It needs unity.

We must hold hands and refuse to be divided. We must be ready.

Some of us will not see the day of our liberation physically.

But those people will have contributed to the struggle.

Let us be united, let us be filled with hope, let us be those who respect one another.

Postlude “Theme for a Futuristic Movie”

Michael Roth

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

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

Benediction / Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka**, and **Lela Erb**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey**, **Ralph Olander**, and **Meabh (Maeve) Daly**; our Design & Decoration team, including **Stephanie Rector** and **Martha McGovern**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **George Banziger**, **MickiAnne Henkels**, and **Betsy Kalter**; today's host, **Mike Lang**, and greeter, **Scott Lacey**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our worship leader, **Martha McGovern**; and our guest speaker, **Dr. David Torbett**.

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

Announcements

Today

- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary, with Dr. David Torbett, guest speaker.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

- Noon, UU+ Women's Reading group, Parkersburg Country Club
- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.
- 4:30–6:30 p.m. private use of RE parlor (Kim McMichael)
- 6:30 p.m., **Game Night**, social hall. You're invited!

Wednesday, April 9

- 5:30 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, social hall. Virginia Henthorn and Lori Fahn will host.

Thursday, April 10

- 7-8 p.m., **Hour of Environmental Action**, social hall (Green Sanctuary Committee). Sean O'Leary of the Ohio River Valley Institute will speak.

Friday, April 11

- 6-8 p.m., Green Sanctuary **Sustainable Supper**, social hall. A potluck, and you're invited to bring and share a dish that is prepared conscientiously: it can be vegetarian, vegan, or contain organic and/or locally grown ingredients, including humanely raised and slaughtered meat. Special guests: the AmeriCorps crew working at Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (who won't be contributing to the potluck, so cook big!).

Saturday, April 12

- 9:30-10:30 a.m., **Tai Chi for beginners**, social hall (Darryl Ting)

Sunday, April 13

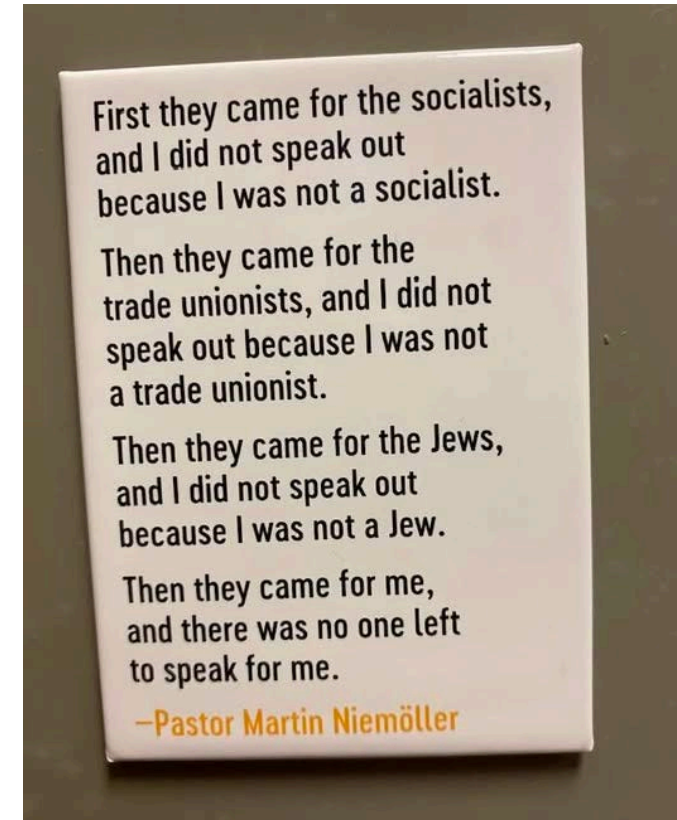
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary: **Darryl Ting** will provide the reflection, titled *Today*. How can we live this day so that we have something to be proud of at the end of our days?
- 11 a.m., Quaker meeting (MOV Friends), RE parlor
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

They Might Not Come for You

David Torbett, PhD, guest speaker



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