

Haiku as Meditation

empty church
relighting
someone's candle"
—frances angela, from *Hedgerow: A Journal of Small Poems*

Welcome Song "Whoever You Are" 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 "Sakura (Cherry Blossoms)" Japanese folk song; **Randall Kidder**, pianist
Chalice Lighting #480 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #203** "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky," verses 1–3
in *Singing the Living Tradition* St. Francis of Assisi, words; Ralph Vaughan Williams, music

Collection of Offerings

Offertory "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden" Amanda Udis-Kessler

Reflection *Haiku as Meditation* **Nicole Livengood, PhD**, guest speaker

***Closing Hymn #379** (music #370) "Ours Be the Poems of All Tongues"
Singing the Living Tradition Kenneth L. Patton, words; Genevan psalter, music

**Ours be the poems of all tongues,
All things of loveliness and worth.
All arts, all ages, and all songs,
One life, one beauty on the earth.**

Closing Words

Postlude "Down by the Salley Gardens"

Herbert Hughes

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

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

Extinguishing the Chalice / Benediction

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

Thanks to our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; today's collection counter, **Stephanie "Squish" Rector**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Mark Krivchenia** and **Norla Arnold**; today's host, **Dawn Hewitt**, and greeters, **Stephanie "Squish" Rector** and **Joey Thomas**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; our worship leader, **Martha McGovern**; and our guest speaker, **Nicole Livengood**.

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

Announcements

No childcare attendants are available to work this morning. So sorry. Parents can play with their kids in the nursery during the service, or kids can stay with their parents and participate in the service.

Coffee Hour volunteers needed for the first Sunday of even months, the fourth Sunday of even months, and third Sunday of odd months. That's only six times per year! If you can help, please talk to, email, text or call Dawn.

Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12

- 2:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in social hall.

Wednesday, August 13

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, social hall. Diana Bonnell and Lori Flis will host.

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 17

- 9:30 a.m., **New UU class**, social hall: FUUSM Congregation ... Governance, Covenant & Participation.
- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary: *Creativity as a Driving Force*, with LeaAnn Gallucci, guest presenter.
- 12:30ish, **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor.

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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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Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.

Consider haiku:
each syllable a deep breath
the present moment



Sunday, August 10, 2025