

“They both listened silently to the water, which to them was not just water but the voice of life, the voice of being, the voice of perpetual Becoming.”

—Hermann Hesse, in *Siddhartha*

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 “Mah Chi” written and performed by Laura Serna-Maytorena

Chalice Lighting #444 “This House” Kenneth L. Patton
in *Singing the Living Tradition*

This house is for the ingathering of nature and human nature.

It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble, an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.

It is a house of freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person.

It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring—both in times of security and danger—the full and undivided conflict of opinion.

It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies and handiworks.

It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor.

Collection of Offerings

Offertory “Walk on Waters” written and sung by Laura Serna-Maytorena

Water Ceremony Diana Bonnell, Lori Flis, Nohl Johnson, Mike Lang

“The Vessel of Compassion” and

#1074 in *Singing the Journey* “Turn the World Around”

Harry Belafonte

The Young Person from the East with the spirit of Air

**We come from the air, living in the air, go back to the air,
turn the world around.**

The Parent from the South with the spirit of Fire

**We come from the fire, living in the fire, go back to the fire,
turn the world around.**

The Leader from the West with the spirit of Water

**We come from the water, living in the water, go back to the water,
turn the world around.**

The Elder from the North with the spirit of Earth

**We come from the earth, living in the earth, go back to the earth, turn
the world around.**

Invitation to the Congregation: This is the time for you to come up and share where your sample of water has come from and what it represents. Please line up in both aisles, and then alternate sides to speak at the microphones and add water to the vessel. (If you would like help with pouring the water into the vessel, please use the Joys & Sorrows microphone.)

The Four Representatives honor the stories from all directions, refill their containers from the Vessel of Compassion, and return to their homes.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***We are of the Spirit, truly of the Spirit, only can the Spirit,
turn the world around.**

* **FUUSM Affirmation** (see screen)

Closing Words

Collum Roberts

Postlude "Southwind"

written and sung by Laura Serna-Maytorena

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

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

Benediction

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

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka** and **Lela Erb**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our Design & Decoration team, **Martha McGovern** and **Stephanie "Squish" Rector**; today's collection counter, **Mike Lang**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Joan Coffee**, **Nancy Luthy**, and **Cathy Rees**; today's host, **Darryl** and **Cynthia Ting**; and our worship leader, **Martha McGovern**. If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today's hosts.

Announcements

Today

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

Monday, Sept. 8

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

Tuesday, Sept. 9

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10

- 6 p.m., Women's Group potluck, social hall. Steph Rector and Anita Newhart will host.

Saturday, Sept. 13

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

Sunday, Sept. 14

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary. *Insights from UUA General Assembly 2025*, Don Poole, guest speaker
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.
- 1 p.m., **Card Shower for Stephanie Rector and Joey Thomas, to celebrate their upcoming wedding, and you're invited!**

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Water Ceremony



One Drop, a quilt by Mary Tyler, based on computer-generated fractal images.

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Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.