

Pluralism, Power, and Penguins

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 **Betsy Liller**, worship leader
Prelude “Prayer for Mercy,” from *Music for the Piano* Volume III:
Hymns, Prayers, and Rituals, by Georges Ivanovitch Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann
Randall Kidder, pianist

Chalice Lighting “With Hope” Connie Woodbread

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Time for All Ages *Blue Penguin* written and illustrated by Petr Horacek
introduced by **Anna Jinja Mather**

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 *Four Sabras* Leonard Bernstein (ca.1950s)
No.I. Ilana, “The Dreamer”
No.II. Idele, “The Chassidele” (means “little Jew” in Hebrew)
(Sabra, *tsabar* in Hebrew, refers to a Jewish person born in Israel, or before 1948 in
Palestine. Each Sabra refers to a vignette or portrait of a different fictitious Israeli child.)

Reading #580 “The Task of the Religious Community” Mark Morrison Reed

Reflection *Pluralism, Power, and Penguins* **Pete Mather** guest speaker

***Closing Hymn #1064** “Blue Boat Home” words: Peter Mayer,
in *Singing the Journey* music: Roland Hüge Prichard; **Pete Mather**, guitar

Postlude *Four Sabras* Leonard Bernstein
No.III. Yosi, “The Jokester”
No.IV. Dina, “The Tomboy Who Weeps Alone”

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

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

Extinguishing the Chalice Bishop Desmond Tutu
“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate.
We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.”

*** **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, **Virginia Henthorn**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **George Banziger** and **Betsy Kalter**; today’s hosts, **Darryl** and **Cynthia Ting**; today’s worship leader, **Betsy Liller**; and to today’s guest presenter, **Pete Mather**, and story leader, **Anna Jinja Mather**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s hosts, Darryl and Cynthia.

Announcements

Please Join the Coffee Hour Crew!

Coffee Hour volunteers are urgently needed for the fourth Sunday of even months (starting Oct. 24); the third Sunday of odd months (starting Nov. 16), and the first Sunday of even months (starting Dec. 7). If you can help, please contact Dawn, the church lady.

Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall.
- 3 p.m., **Green Sanctuary 2030** team in RE parlor

Monday, Oct. 6

- 6:30 p.m., **FUUSM Board of Trustees meeting**, RE parlor

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- 2:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in social hall.
- 7 p.m., Washington County for Safe Drinking Water organizing committee meeting, social hall. (Dawn Hewitt)

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, social hall

Sunday, Oct. 12

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 9:30 a.m., **Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting**, RE parlor and Zoom.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., MOV Friends (Quaker) meeting, RE parlor
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Indigenous Peoples Day; FUUSM Office closed.

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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.*

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.