

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**February 26, 2012**

*Soon the child's clear eye is clouded over by ideas and opinions, preconceptions and abstractions. Simple free being becomes encrusted with the burdensome armor of the ego. Not until years later does an instinct come that a vital sense of mystery has been withdrawn. The sun glints through the pines, and the heart is pierced in a moment of beauty and strange pain, like a memory of paradise. After that day, we become seekers. – Peter Matthiessen*

**RING THE BELL**

**OPENING STATEMENT**

**PRELUDE** Prelude V in D Major, WTC Book 1 Johann Sebastian Bach

**LIGHT THE CHALICE**

**OPENING WORDS AND READING**

**HYMN** #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT** Go now in peace, go now in peace;  
May the spirit of love surround you. Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**WELCOME**

**READING**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Ave verum corpus, KV 618 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**OFFERING WORDS**

**OFFERTORY** Prelude VIII, La Fille aux cheveux de lin, Book 1 Claude Debussy

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND JOYS**

**READING AND COMMENTARY**

**READING ABOUT SILENCE**

**MEDITATION, PRAYER AND SILENCE** Flute Solo

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Locus Iste, Gradual 1, WAB 23 Anton Bruckner

**READING AND COMMENTARY**

**HYMN**

#309

Earth is Our Homeland

**CLOSING WORDS**

**EXTINGUISH THE CHALICE**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Hymn selections 283, 309 can be found in hymnal "Singing the Living Tradition"*

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Unitarian Universalism draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE:** George Dersheimer

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Barbara Hadden, Ron Hoffman, Bo Wachendorf, Claire Wagner.

**FLOWERS:** From Melissa Asman to celebrate River's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

**GREETERS:** Kathryn McDonough, Martha McLeod, Sylvia Mersfelder, Anna Daigle

**COFFEE HOSTS:** Kari Olson, Melissa Rowland

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Steve Roth

