

The First Religious Society in Carlisle
Unitarian Universalist
“The Power of Why”

September 24, 2017 Order of Service, 10:00 am

*Asterisks indicate that the congregation will stand as able in body or in spirit

Prelude Space Oddity by David Bowie
Corey Lanum, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Opening Remarks Worship Arts Committee

***Hymn No. 298** **Wake, Now, My Senses**

***Chalice Lighting** (spoken in unison) Bob and Marcia Wallhagen

*May the light of this flame illuminate lives and strivings of the spirit.
May it heal misunderstandings and strengthen love.*

***Covenant of the Congregation** (spoken in unison)

*Love is the doctrine of this church;
The quest for truth is our sacrament;
And service is our prayer.
To dwell together in peace;
To seek knowledge in freedom;
To serve humanity in friendship;
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine--
Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.*

Story Pam Howell, Director of Religious Education

Children’s Recessional

*Go your way in peace; wander as you may.
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.
Comfort find in truth; may your struggles cease.
May the fire within your heart light the way of peace.**

*Music & lyrics by Jim Scott, adapted from Mozart. ©2005 Jim Scott (SESAC)

Candles of Community

To share things near to your heart and important in your life.

Prayer by David Whyte

Choral Response *As We Give of Ourselves* by Tom Benjamin

Offering: Shared today with **21 U.S. Virgin Islands Relief Fund**
(see announcements for more information)

Offertory Anthem We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other by Allen Pote

***Doxology No. 403**
Spirit of truth, of life, of power, we bring ourselves as gifts to thee:
O, bind our hearts this sacred hour in faith and hope and charity.

Reading Ronald McNair adapted from “Callings” by Dave Isay

***Hymn No. 128** **For All That Is Our Life**

Reflection “The Power of Why” Worship Arts Committee

Silent Meditation

***Hymn No. 1020 (teal book)** **Woyaya**

***Benediction**

Choral Response *May Your Life be as a Song* words by Jim Scott; music by Yuri Zaritsky

Chalice Extinguishing (spoken in unison)
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Fugue in G Minor “The Cat’s Fugue” Domenico Scarlatti

Greeter: Marilyn Harte
Verger: Nancy Hartle
Coffee Hour comestibles: Everyone

Accessibility: The elevator to all three floors of the building is located in the hallway through the door next to the pulpit. Personal hearing devices are available on tables at the back of the Sanctuary.

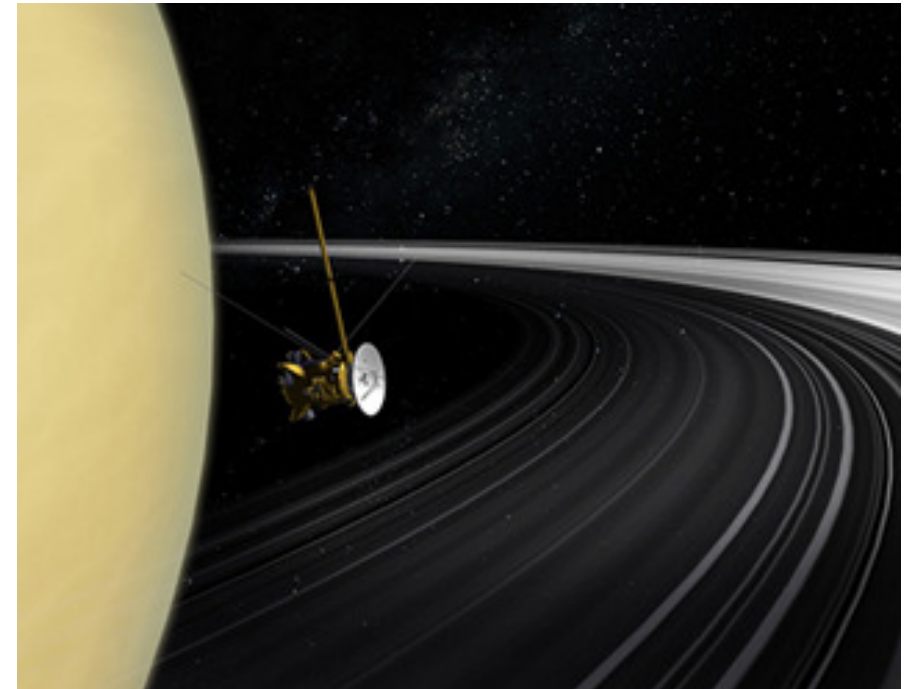
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A Welcoming Congregation

Today in Religious Education

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Holly West, Rachel Bryan and Bella Eckler. With adult, Cynthia LaFlamme
K-Ones (K-1st Grades)- with Brianna Neptune and Carly Neale Paris and adult, Margot Morse - Jr Youth Group Buddies - Garden Work.
Middles (2nd-5th Grades)- with Pam Howell and Ann Quenin - Nests for Houston - What does it mean to rebuild your home.
JYG - (6,7,8th Grades) - with teen leaders Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, and adult, Amy Smack - K-Ones Buddies - Picking from our Garden -
NYG (Night Youth Group) - 6-7 Teen Cook - Soup and Bread, 7-8:30 Haunted Barnyard, 8:45-9pm Meditation - with Pam & Michael Dunderf and Mark Howell

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 24, 2017	9:15-9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
		Nursery is open after the Message for All Ages
	10:00am	Service
	11:00am	Coffee Hour
	11:30am	Finance Cmte, Widrick Room
Wednesday, September 27	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 29	3:30pm	Leave church to serve dinner at The Elliott St. Church in Lowell

Upcoming Services

Our theme for October is REVEALING

October 1st

Yom Kippur: What does fasting reveal?

October 8th

What does the journey reveal?

October 15th

What is revealed when the leaves fall?

October 22nd

What do saints reveal?

October 29th

All Souls Day: What is revealed when the veil is thinnest?

Announcements

Share the Plate: We share the plate today with 21 US Virgin Islands Relief Fund. Not many relief organizations are focusing their efforts on the US Virgin islands following Hurricane Irma's devastation. Tim Duncan, retired NBA player, initiated a major relief organization to meet immediate food and water needs, and supplies for the longer term rebuilding process. He along with former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, accompanied the first plane load of food as it landed on the islands and immediately started to distribute the supplies. Duncan pledged to match the first one million dollars following his initial donation of \$ 250,000. His efforts have so far raised three million dollars.

Thanks to the Worship Arts Committee for all their work on today's Service. The committee consists of: Nancy Hartle (Chair), Liz Carpenter, MJ Lanum, Art Milliken and Matteo Neale Paris.

A Message from the Pastoral Concerns Committee: The Pastoral Concerns Committee offers support to church members and their families during times of personal stress or crisis -- illness, surgery, new baby, bereavement, family emergency, etc. One way we do this is by providing meals, rides, and errands. Would you be willing to join our "Ask" List? If so, then when a need arises, you'll receive an email asking if you can sign up to drop off a meal, give someone a ride, or do an errand. Situations arise only sporadically throughout the church year and are generally infrequent, but by their very definition often require a quick turnaround. If you are willing to be on the list of people we ask for help, please email Nancy West at NancySWest@gmail.com or call 978-399-4691. If we ask at an inconvenient time, you should always feel free to turn us down, but the more people we have on our Ask List, the better!

St. Paul's Kitchen September 29: It's the fifth Friday once again and our turn to prepare and serve dinner for St. Paul's Kitchen at the Elliott St. Church in Lowell. We still need salad ingredients and more cookies and bars (they love brownies). If you can help, please do so on SignUpGenius. Your items should be delivered to our church kitchen on Friday, September 29. Ann is in the office and the side door is open in the morning. The crew going to Lowell will be in Union Hall at 3:00 to load up and depart promptly at 3:30. Many thanks to all from Frank Rigg for contributing to this very worthwhile and rewarding project.

The monthly **Nonviolent Communication** (NVC) study and discussion group began on Monday, September 18 from 9:30 - 11:30a.m. in the Widrick room. **The next meeting is Monday, October 16 at 9:30am.**

If you desire to improve your relationships, remain peaceful in the face of criticism, and to speak and listen in ways that inspire compassion and understanding, the NVC group serves as a pathway to personal fulfillment and a better world.

Tuesday Night Talks, 10/3 - 7:30-8:30pm - Red Balloon-Open Discussion with Pam and Lisa on the book *The Spiritual Child*, by Lisa Miller. We will focus on the chapter: "Built for Spirituality." Come, even if you haven't read the book. The topic itself is worth exploring.

Help needed: Our next FRS hosting of the COA lunch prepared by Chelmsford Crossing is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th. This is the first of four lunches we are scheduled to host this school year. We host this lunch in Union Hall.

If you would be willing to help out, please contact Fontaine Richardson at 617 633 2421 or fkr@fontainerichardson.com . We ask helpers to show up by 11:15 AM. We will set up the tables, table cloths and place settings. The food usually arrives at 11:50 or so and we start serving at noon. We try to finish as expeditiously as we can, without being rude to our guests. We have a good time and get a lot accomplished in a short period of time.

The menu for lunch is: knockwurst and sauerkraut and an unspecified dessert. On October 5th, there is a program: Karen Halloran, Community Liaison for CareOne in Concord, is going to help us exercise our minds with her "Name that Rule" program. After lunch, join Karen by guessing the name of various songs, and their artist.

Also, our next lunch is on Thursday, November 2nd, so if you can't help out in October there is always November! All help is grateful accepted.

Community Events

Movie night on the Common: Carlisle Kids' House annual free movie will take place on the Common, **Friday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m.** Bring family and friends, blankets and chairs to see what pets really do when their people are gone.

About the Music

The **Prelude**, *Space Oddity*, was written by the British glam rocker David Bowie, revealing his fascination with space exploration, and appeared as the first track on his sophomore studio album, David Bowie. The song was first released in July 1969, just 9 days before Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon. It became Bowie's first hit single in both the United Kingdom and the United States, and one of his signature songs.

Bowie was legendary for his periodic reinvention, creative concept albums, and gender-bending stage personas. Perhaps most famously, in 1973 he debuted as the character Ziggy Stardust, an alien pop star who serves as an extraterrestrial emissary to Earth and urges his followers to explore their own spirituality and ties to one another. Bowie died battling liver cancer on January 10, 2016, at the age of 69.

The choir **Anthem**, *We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other*, was written for the people of Pensacola, Florida after being devastated by Hurricane Ivan in September of 2004. Its composer, Allen Pote (a native of Pensacola) is known nationally for his sacred music works as well as a clinician for festivals and workshops. With his wife Susan, he is Founder and Co-Director of the Pensacola Children's Chorus, a twelve year organization of over 250 singers.

Hymn 1020, *Woyaya*, was written by Ghanaian drummer Sol Amarifio, Woyaya is the title song of a 1971 album by Oisibisa, a musical group of Ghanaian and Caribbean musicians. It was frequently heard in work camps throughout central West Africa in the 1970s and 1980s. The arrangement in *Singing the Journey* comes from the version by Ysaye Barnwell (of Sweet Honey in the Rock). "Woyaya," like many other African scat syllables, can have many meanings. According to the song's composer, it means "We are going." This song is frequently used in bridging ceremonies (UU ceremonies of passage from youth to young adulthood).

The **Postlude** is the Fugue in G Minor, K. 30, by the Italian harpsichordist and composer Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757). This harpsichord sonata is one of approximately 500 he composed primarily while serving as court composer and harpsichord teacher to Queen Maria Barbara of Spain. The Fugue in G minor is popularly known as the Cat's Fugue. The nickname, which was never used by the composer himself but was introduced early in the 19th century, originates from a story about how Scarlatti came up with the strikingly unusual motif on which the fugue is built. Legend has it that Scarlatti had a pet cat called Pulcinella, who was described by the composer as prone to walking across the keyboard, always curious about its sounds. On one occasion, according to the story, Scarlatti wrote down a phrase from one of these "improvisation sessions," and used it as a lead motif in a fugue.

Notes for *About the Music* are from internet sources and from *Between the Lines*, a UUA publication.