

April 16, 2017

EASTER

*Prayer for the Earth*



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Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
in Milford

**HONOR EACH. ENRICH ALL.**

\*Hearing assistant devices are available from a Greeter\*  
Please kindly silence your electronic devices.

*Walk across the land and gather seeds of all the flowers and all the trees.  
Take two of every kind of living plant...  
Work quickly. The rains begin tomorrow.*  
--from *A Prayer for the Earth* by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

## **GATHERING MUSIC & GONG**

**PRELUDE**     *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*     from The Messiah  
by G.F. Handel; Carolyn McCreary, piano

**WELCOME**     Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *We Kindle This Flame*  
Kali Fyre, Ministerial Intern

## **\*HYMN & EASTER BONNET PROCESSIONAL**

*Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*     No. 61

## **\*AFFIRMATION**

Love is the doctrine of this church,  
the quest of truth is its sacrament,  
and service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek knowledge in freedom,  
to honor the earth, to serve human need,  
to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony  
with the sacred--this do we affirm and covenant with each other.

**JOYS AND SORROWS**     *Sharing Major Turning Points in Our Lives*  
Please tell your name and be brief. No announcements, please.

(You may come forward in silence at any time during the service  
to light a candle and write a joy or concern in the book.)

**SINGING RESPONSE**     *Draw the Circle Wide*     by Gordon Light  
Linda Goodman; Joe Pollock, guitar

*Draw the circle wide/ Draw it wider still/ Let this be our song  
No one stands alone/ Standing side by side/ Draw the circle wide.*

(If there are other people you would like to include in our circle of care,  
you may call out their names while the music plays.)

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

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**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** Barbara Livoli, Membership Chair  
New Members: Jan Cohen and Sally Sennott (see insert)

**STORY** *A Prayer for the Earth: The Story of Naamah, Noah's Wife*  
by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, adapted

**ANTHEM** *Trust the Seeds* by Elizabeth Alexander

**OFFERING WORDS** *Today's offering will be shared with  
Partner Church.*

**OFFERTORY** *Madre De La Tierra* by David Lanz

**STORY** *A Prayer for the Earth* (continued)

**\*HYMN** *Sing and Rejoice* No. 395

**END OF STORY** *A Prayer for the Earth*

**\*HYMN** *The Garden Song* by David Mallett

*Chorus:*

*Inch by inch, row by row. Gonna make this garden grow  
All we need is a rake and a hoe, and a piece of fertile ground  
And inch by inch, row by row. Someone bless these seeds we sow  
Someone warm them from below till the rain comes tumblin' down*

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Verse 1

Pullin' weeds, pickin' stones  
We are made of dreams and bones  
Need a place to call our own  
'Cause the time is near at hand  
  
Grain for grain, sun and rain  
Find my way through nature's chain  
Tune my body and my brain  
To the music of the land

*Chorus*

Verse 2

Plant your rows straight and long  
Temper them with prayer and song  
Mother earth will make you strong  
If you give her love and care  
  
An old crow watchin' hungrily  
From his perch in yonder tree  
In my garden I'm as free  
As that feathered friend up there

*Chorus*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**                      *Go Forth*                      by E. Greenleaf  
*Go forth into the world in peace, in peace.*  
*Be of good courage; hold fast that which is good.*  
*Go forth into the world in peace, in peace.*  
*Love all people, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Go in peace.*

**POSTLUDE**                      *Easter Parade*                      by Irving Berlin

We invite you to gather downstairs in Barnum Hall following our  
worship service for coffee and conversation.

Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord	Minister
Kali Fyre	Ministerial Intern
Carolyn McCreary	Music Director
Revs. Jeanne & Olav Nieuwejaar	Ministers Emeriti
Rev. Elizabeth Ann Foster	Ministerial Associate Emerita
Lynn Coakley	President
Tricia Jalbert	Vice President
Robert Baker	Treasurer
Mark Schwartzberg	Clerk

Barbara Livoli	Welcome Table
Steve & Cammie Opre	Garden Door Greeter
John Bigl	Sanctuary Greeters
Barbara Livoli & Cathy Goldwater	Coffee Hour Set-up
Alan Shirey	Coffee Hour Clean-up
Jamie Ferrier	Technical Director
	Sunday Coordinator

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