

September 16, 2018

Water Ceremony Ingathering



Unitarian Universalist Congregation
in Milford

HONOR EACH. ENRICH ALL.

Assistive listening devices are available from a Greeter
Please kindly silence your electronic devices.

Water is sacred because it gives life to everything.

Without water there is no life.

~Thunder Rain Woman, Ashininaabe Nation

GATHERING MUSIC & GONG

PRELUDE *The Murmuring Brook* by Cornelius Gurlitt
Carolyn McCreary, piano

WELCOME Rev. Carol Strecker

SONG/PROCESSIONAL

Whoever You Are We Welcome You by Hal Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev. Richard S Gilbert

CHALICE LIGHTING

SONG *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* No. 188

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 and Mark Miller

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

***AFFIRMATION**

STORY "The Water Walker" by Joanne Robertson

*** Please rise in body or spirit.**

WATER COMMUNION

VIDEO "Algonquin Water Song"
by Irene Wawatie Jerome (Anshinabe/Cree)

Nee bee wah bow
En die en
Aah key mis squee
Nee bee wah bow
Hey ya hey ya hey ya hey
Hey ya hey ya hey ya ho

REFLECTIONS

Why is your water sacred to you?
What can you do to protect it?

OFFERTORY *Bring Many Waters* by Bernadette P. Burns

SONG *The River is Flowing* by Sun Bear (Chippewa)

***BENEDICTION**

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Forth* by E. Greenleaf

POSTLUDE *L'Orage* (the storm) by Friedrich Burgmuller

OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY PHOTO!

**Please make your way to the front of the church during the postlude
for our community photo. All are welcome!**

After, we invite you to gather downstairs in Barnum Hall following the
service for coffee and conversation.

For more information about Unitarian Universalism, go to www.uua.org
Sign up for weekly and monthly e-news at the Welcome Table.

Unitarian Universalist Principles

- 1) The INHERENT WORTH and DIGNITY of every being
- 2) JUSTICE, EQUITY and COMPASSION in all relations
- 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- 4) A free and responsible search of TRUTH and MEANING
- 5) The right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process
- 6) The goal of world community with PEACE, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for
all
- 7) RESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part.

Our Mission

Our spiritual community welcomes all people
and honors the human dignity of each individual.
Grounded in our Unitarian Universalist Principles,
we enrich one another and challenge ourselves to heal
and strengthen all lives and to care for our shared earth.

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Welcome Table: Linda Pellerin
Garden Door Greeter: Joe & Henry Bennett
Sanctuary Greeters: Leslie & Scott Bennett
CYFF Greeter: Amy Conley
Coffee Hour Set-up: Cathy Goldwater
Coffee Hour Clean-up: Ann Barker
Technical Director: Nancy Baker
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