

September 25, 2016

# Community of Earth

Peabody Mill Environmental Center

66 Brook Rd., Amherst, NH

*What does it mean to be a community of covenant?*



Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
in Milford

**HONOR EACH. ENRICH ALL.**

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

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*All Life is sacred. Each human being is a unique and integral part of the Earth's community of life and has a special responsibility to care for life in all its diverse forms. .~ from "Earth Covenant" by Context Institute*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### GONG

### WELCOME

Kali Fyre, Ministerial Intern

### CALL TO WORSHIP

words from Joy Harjo

Kali Fyre

### \*HYMN

*Gathered Here*

Linda leads as call and response

### \*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

*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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### OFFERING WORDS

*Today's offering will be shared with UU  
Ministry for Earth.*

## OFFERTORY

Joe Pollock on Guitar

### SENDING FORTH

**Meditative Walk** with Alan Shirey  
a medium strenuous contemplative hike to  
Lookout Rock.

**Meditative Hike** with John Bigl

**Reflection Circle** *Human Spirit Touched by Nature*  
with Mimi Moulton, inside Center building

**Circle Dance** with Linda Goodman  
outdoor Sacred Circle Dancing celebrating autumnal equinox

**Nature Inspired Craft** with Jamie Ferrier  
nature inspired craft of fairy houses

**Enjoy Pond Life** for adults & youth accompanied by adults

### GONG

Please return to the circle at 11:45am.

### CLOSING CIRCLE

**Activity by Kali Fyre**

*From you I receive,  
To you I give,  
together we share,  
and from this we live.*

**\*CLOSING CHANT** “*We are a Circle Within a Circle*”

Linda leads

**\*BENEDICTION** *Our Whole System*

by Maria Mitchell  
Kali Fyre

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Forth in Peace*

*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.*

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

Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord  
Kali Fyre  
Carolyn McCreary  
Revs. Jeanne & Olav Nieuwejaer  
Rev. Elizabeth Ann Foster  
Lynn Coakley  
Tricia Jalbert  
Robert Baker  
Mark Schwartzberg

Minister  
Ministerial Intern  
Music Director  
Ministers Emeriti  
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Coffee Hour Clean-up  
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