

Unitarian Society of Hartford

“Nourishing spirit, building community, working for justice”

Sunday, March 29th, 2020, 10:30 am



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“Being Anchored”

Revs. Heather Rion Starr & Cathy Rion Starr
Peter Meny, Worship Associate
Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education
Sam Moffett, Director of Music Ministries

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Prelude

Sam Moffett

Gathering Song #38 Morning Has Broken

Singing the Living Tradition (gray) hymnal

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day

Opening Words

Rev. Heather Rion Starr

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr

*We light this chalice for the warmth of love; for the light of truth; for the energy of action;
and for the harmony of peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our community,
and peace in our world.*

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Peter Meny, Worship Associate

If you are new to us and would like to receive a welcome packet in the mail or our weekly enews, please drop Buffie an email at hartforduusociety@gmail.com

Great Covenant

*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Hymn #134

Our World Is One World

Singing the Living Tradition (gray) hymnal

Our world is one world:
what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about,
the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:
the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes,
with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:
its ways of wealth affect us all:
the way we spend, the way we share,
who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world:
just like a ship that bears us all:
where fear and greed make many holes,
but where our hearts can hear a different call.

A Time for All Ages

Rayla D. Mattson, Director of Religious Education

Offering Our Gifts

Peter Meny

We gratefully receive your financial contributions, which we encourage you to send by mail (USH, 50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06105) or [online here](#)

Offering

Sam Moffett

Turning Inward

Rev. Cathy

Candles of Memory and Hope

While we sing "Spirit of Life" (#123), we encourage you to light a candle at home in celebration, concern, or sorrow, in awareness that we are held by this community and this faith through all the seasons of our lives.

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Another Story For All

Steamboat School
by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Ron Husband

Reflection

“Being Anchored”

Rev. Heather

Musical Interlude

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment; these we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Hymn #159

This Is My Song

Singing the Living Tradition (gray) hymnal

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Benediction

After the benediction, we invite you to reach out and call someone in the congregation – perhaps the 2 people after you in the directory who you may or may not know! If you don't have a directory and want access to the online directory, please contact [Buffie](#).

Happenings – Join us!

Today! 11:30am - After worship, join us for Virtual Fellowship Time

3 ways to join Zoom Fellowship Time:

1. Click on **<https://zoom.us/j/8602339897>**
2. One tap mobile: +19292056099,,8602339897# US
3. If you are JUST calling with your phone (and don't want to fuss with the app or video), call this number: 929-205-6099. You'll need to enter the Meeting ID: 860 233 9897.

It should just work...but if it doesn't, fear not! [Read instructions by clicking here](#). We will be developing ways to support folks to learn how to use Zoom – email Buffie if you have trouble getting in so we can get you set up for next time.

Disability Support Group: meeting virtually this Saturday, April 4 from 10 to 11:30am.

This group will be a chance for participants to discuss the challenges of physical disability (chronic illness, chronic pain, impaired senses, impaired mobility) and emotional pain (loss, mental illness) and the stresses of care-taking a loved one. All are welcome and what is said in the room stays in the room. Email Bill LaPorte-Bryan for more information or to get the Zoom info at **b37bryan@gmail.com**.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee urges us to take action: for people in detention and prisons to ensure they are safe from the COVID-19 outbreak.

The United States has 2.3 million people in prison – the most in the world. There are 38,000 immigrants and asylum-seekers in ICE detention. Nearly all of them are forced to live in day-to-day conditions that are a perfect storm for the spread of COVID-19, and their access to medical care is already notoriously inadequate. It is a matter of when – not if – coronavirus will reach people who are incarcerated. We are in unprecedented times, and unprecedented actions are not only needed, they are truly possible.

Click **[here](#)** for more info.

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