

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**Dan DeMott**, Presenter

Annie Welsbacher, Service Leader

Ish Farid, Musician

"We believe that religions are basically the same...they only differ on matters of creation, sin, heaven, hell, God, and salvation."— Steve Turner

**Welcome**—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>How Deep is your Love</i>	The Bee Gees
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Desperado</i>	Don Henley & Glenn Frey

**Welcome and Announcements**

Opening Reading	<i>We Gather to Remember</i>	Nicole McKay
Dedication of Chalice	<i>Legacy Chalice Lighting</i>	Paul Sprecher
Hymn #360	<i>Here We Have Gathered</i>	

**Contemplation**—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>A Prayer for Memorial Day</i>	Wayne B. Arnason
Moment of Silence		

**Special Music**

<i>Fire and Rain</i> by James Taylor	Ish Farid
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**Offering**—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>Honoring the Ancestors</i>	Alice Anacheka-Nasemann
Offering Music	<i>Moonglow</i>	Hudson/de Lange/Mills
Hymn #108	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	

**Community**—a time for sharing

Personal Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>Georgia</i>	Hoagy Carmichael

**Theme**—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>To Share Their Burdens</i> by Rev Kaaren Anderson	Dan DeMott
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**Closing**—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #411	<i>Part In Peace</i>	
Closing Reading	<i>And Now May We Go</i>	Harold E. Babcock
Postlude	<i>Forth</i> <i>Take the "A" Train</i>	Billy Starayhorn

**First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita** honors the principle of freedom of the pulpit. In keeping with that principle, the views expressed by the presenters or congregants are solely their personal opinions. While we acknowledge the ideas and opinions of every individual, this church does not endorse any point of view or political choice.

**First UU Church** is open for all services and activities regardless of your vaccination status, the Board strongly recommends that all of us be vaccinated and asks that we continue to practice social distancing, when possible, especially when around members and friends who are still opting to wear masks. Online Zoom access is provided for those who cannot attend services or events in person. **Fellowship Time** is for refreshments and conversation. All invited to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship.

**Children's Religious Exploration**

May is here and the kids RE topic is Pluralism. We will talk about how people and congregations can be and believe many things at once. We will discuss what this looks like in the UU faith and at First UU specifically. Lesson topics will include: Many Views: "We Need Each Other to Perceive the Whole," Many Sources: "We are Made of Many Roots," Many People: "No One Gets Left Out," and Many Things to Celebrate.

We are quickly approaching Summer RE and need your help! Volunteers are needed to teach lessons for the kids in our congregation during the summer (and work in the nursery!). Younger members of our church may remember summer RE fondly because of all the fun and creative lessons that congregation members offered. Popular topics taught throughout the years are: rock painting, music lessons with recorders or harmonicas, origami, planting flowers, etc. If you want to teach something similar, or have your own talent to teach, please consider volunteering this summer!

Don't know what you want to teach? No problem! You can teach one of our pre-written plans that include a read aloud and an activity. Or you could help out in the nursery. Sign up forms are on the table in the entry way and can be returned to Anna Jenney or left in the RE room on the desk. A digital copy of the form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/GDyFR86QyPsbUbV9> or by scanning the QR code below.



If you have any questions, you can email Anna at [anna.jenney@gmail.com](mailto:anna.jenney@gmail.com).

Upcoming - Events and Updates from First UU  
(<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>)

**Sunday, May 26**

9:45am Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom), Ned Lakin  
11:00am Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney  
11:00am Sunday Service, "To Share Their Burdens", Dan Demott

**Monday, May 27**

NO OFFICE HOURS – MEMORIAL DAY

6:30pm Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, [rxfeleppa@gmail.com](mailto:rxfeleppa@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, May 28th**

10:30am Renaissance Food Pantry

**General Assembly 2024**

For next month's upcoming Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Annual Meeting from Thursday, June 20 – Sunday, June 23, there will be a General Session every day open to anyone regardless of whether s/he registers for the General Assembly. In light of this, Jon M. Ramirez has arranged for First UU to host a watch party in our building for the following sessions:

- General Session I (approximately 30 minutes), Thursday, June 20, 12:30pm
- General Session II (2 hours), Thursday, June 20, 3pm
- General Session III (3.5 hours), Friday, June 21, 1:30pm
- General Session IV (3.5 hours), Saturday, June 22, 1:30pm
- General Session V (approximately 1 hour), Sunday, June 23, 2pm

Anyone is welcome to watch one or more General Sessions during the General Assembly 2024. For any questions on these General Sessions, please contact Jon at [office@firstuu.net](mailto:office@firstuu.net). For more info on the General Assembly as a whole, please visit <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

**Updated Contact Information**

In light of next month's congregational annual meeting, printing of an updated congregational directory, and overall database management, please ensure that we have your most-up-to-date information. **For expected mailings this Tuesday, 28th, it is vital that we have members' current mailing address.** For everyone, please ensure that we have an up-to-date emailing address for regular communication (e.g. weekly newsletter) and special email announcements. In addition, it is equally important for us to have everyone's current primary phone number. Any updates/changes can be submitted via our website at the bottom of our Contact Us form (<https://firstuu.net/about/contact-us/>). There are also green forms near the door in order to submit any changes.

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**The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

*As you seat yourself,  
please leave one empty  
chair between your party  
and the next one for  
social distance.*



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