

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Donna Morris and Melanie Jenney, Presenters
Linda Jordan, Service Leader
Ismail Farid and Corey Swertfager, Musicians
"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

Welcome—for coming together
Gathering Music *Our Day Will Come* Hillard/Garson
Calling Bell
Prelude *The Days of Wine and Roses* Henry Mancini

Welcome and Announcements
Opening Reading *Flower Communion* Lynn Unger
Dedication of Chalice *Chalice Lighting* Susan Frederick-Gray
Hymn #38 *Morning Has Broken*
Reading *The Story of the Flower Ceremony* Melanie Jenney
by Theresa and David Schwartz

Contemplation—looking for meanings
Meditation *On Flower Communion Sunday* William B. Rice
Moment of Silence

Special Music *If I* Corey Swertfager
by Corey Swertfager

Offering—stewardship of our church
Call to Offering *What We Say "Yes" To* Erica Hewett
Offering Music *Meditation* A. C. Jobin
Hymn # 21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Community—a time for sharing
Personal Joys and Sorrows
Musical Interlude *Stormy Weather* Koehler/Arten

Theme—our search for truth
Presentation *Conversation Among the Flowers* Linda Jordan
by Claire Freingold Thoryn
Flower Power Donna Morris
by Gary Kowalski

Closing—for continuing and moving forward
Hymn #1057 (Teal Hymnal) *Go Lifted Up (2 times)*
Closing *Flower Closing* Susan Frederick-Gray
Postlude *One Note Samba* A. C. Jobin

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

Children's Religious Exploration will receive lessons from congregation members in July and August. Join us to learn new skills and have fun! If you're interested in leading a lesson, sign up at the sheet attached to the office window.

Office Update

In the event that Jon M. Ramirez does have to adjust his office hours due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness) or due to personal obligations (e.g. medical appointment), adjusted office hours are posted on the online church calendar which can be viewed anytime via <https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>. Please review office hours on the church calendar if needing to meet the Office Manager face-to-face. Please also feel free to set up an appointment in advance anytime.

Church Leadership Changes

As of July 1, Corey Swertfager (president@firstuu.net) is president. Ellie Shore (president-elect@firstuu.net) is president-elect. Corey will continue to act as Treasurer (treasurer@firstuu.net).

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

Sunday, July 7

9:45am Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom by request)

11:00am Children's Religious Exploration

11:00am Sunday Service, "Flower Communion", Linda Jordan

Monday, July 8

6:00pm Vegan Potluck, Magda Garrett, (316) 765-3352

Wednesday, July 10

7:00pm Leadership Council, Ellie Shore, (316) 833-9190

InTouch Newsletter

In light of the monthly newsletters being available via the website (<https://firstuu.net/newsletters/>), we are striving to reduce the monthly cost (e.g. paper, ink, stamps) associated with monthly printing, assembling, and mailing of the newsletter to a small population. For those who wish to continue to receive the monthly newsletter in the mail, please indicate interest via <https://forms.gle/GsYMb1oaP9u1CmHh6>, by scanning the QR code below, or by emailing a request to office@firstuu.net.



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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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change.**