

Blooming and Belonging; Easter Family Service

Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Rev. Jennifer Brower, Rev. Jaye Brooks
Sunday April 17, 2022

Centering Music

“Peace” by Horace Silver

UUCSR Jazz Ensemble
Dan Pratt, director

Welcome

Rev. Jennifer Brower

Opening Words

Rev. Dr Natalie Fenimore

Chalice Lighting

Richard and Emanuella Bowman

Words of Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this congregation;
the quest of truth is its sacrament;
and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
to seek knowledge in freedom,
to serve human need—
this do we affirm and covenant with each other.

Song of Affirmation

From all that dwell below the skies,
let songs of faith and hope arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung,
through every land by every tongue.

Hymn #61

“Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

Reading

The Hesitant Spring
Rev. Dr. Helen Lutton Cohen

Rev. Jaye Brooks

Anthem

“Here Comes the Sun”
by George Harrison, arr. MacHuff

Young People’s Choir
George Weisman, director

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn #123

“Spirit of Life”

The Story of Easter

Anthem

Rise Up, My Love

by Eleanor Daley

Willow Women’s Interfaith Choir
Farah Chandu, director

Prayer

Anthem

“Prayer” by Ola Gjello

UCSR Choir, Stephen Michael Smith, Conductor
Dan Pratt, Saxophone Soloist

Reading

Blessing of the Easter Baskets by Lucas Hergert

Anthem

“You Are the New Day” by John David-

Willow Women’s Interfaith Choir

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice Rev. Jennifer Brower and Jeffrey Schiff Membership Chair

Postlude

Footprints by Wayne Shorter

#Hymn61 Lo the Earth Awakes Again

Lo, the earth awakes again — Alleluia!
From the winter's bond and pain.
Alleluia! Bring we leaf and flower and spray — Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!
Once again the word comes true,
Alleluia! All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!
Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

Songs: #123 Spirit of Life by Carolyn McDade

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.

Spirit of Love, come unto me.
Deep in my soul all the mystery of creation.
Teach me to care, peace let there be;
Lead me to truth, showing forth the paths of wisdom.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free,
Spirit of Love, come to me, come to me.