

Welcome to



**COMMUNITY
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
AT WHITE PLAINS**

Nurture Spirituality • Foster Compassion • Engage in Service



“Peace of Mind”

Sunday, May 31, 2026

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ORDER OF SERVICE

May 31, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC *Kreisleriana*, Op. 16 - Robert Schumann Adam Kent, piano
I. *Äußerst bewegt* (Extremely animated)
II. *Sehr innig und nicht zu rasch* (Very inwardly and not too fast)

GATHERING HYMN #305, *De Colores*

WELCOME Tracy Breneman

SELECTION *Age of Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In* CUUC Choir
Words by James Rado & Gerome Ragni Terri Kung, soloist
Music by Galt MacDermot Directed by Lisa N. Meyer
~arr. by Roger Emerson Accompanied by Barbara Orwick

OPENING WORDS #430, Song of Solomon 2 Rev. Mark Cutolo

CHALICE LIGHTING ~Jami Yandle Karen Leahy

**We light this chalice for the quiet truths we carry,
and for the futures we're brave enough to write.
In this circle, we honor the courage it takes to live openly,
the softness that sustains us, and the joy and power that grow when we gather.
As the chalice glows may we feel steadiness rise in us.
May we trust that our becoming—messy, radiant, unfolding—wholly belongs to us.**

HYMN #1053, *How Could Anyone*

OFFERING Karen

OFFERTORY *Sunflower Slow Drag* Adam
- Scott Joplin

WISDOM STORY Flower Communion Story Tracy

FLOWER CEREMONY #724, *Consecration of the Flowers* Rev. Cutolo & Kim Force
- Norbert F. Čapek

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

JOYS, SORROWS, MILESTONES

Tracy

IN QUIET

IN MUSIC

I Am the River
- Amy F. Bernon

The CUUC Choir

READING

Job 3:1-26

Rev. Cutolo

INTERLUDE

"Einsame Blumen" from *Waldszenen*, Op. 82
("Lonely Blossoms" from *Forest Scenes*)
- Robert Schumann

Adam

SERMON

Rev. Cutolo

HYMN

Carry Me

CLOSING

Kim

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

- Tyler Boyle

Karen

Spirit of Love, Great Web of Life, That Which Connects Us All.

We are thankful for all that Life has provided.

We honor the great circle of Life that has brought us here and that will continue when we are gone. We rely on the resilience of Life for strength. We seek the beauty of Life to find hope. We behold the legacy of Life for humility.

We respect the legacy of Life so that we may give and receive grace.

May we keep an open mind, heart, and spirit.

May it be so.

BENEDICTION

#691, Help us to be the always hopeful
gardeners of the spirit
- May Sarton

Rev. Cutolo

CLOSING HYMN

#1057, Go Lifted Up

Thank you for being with us this morning!

When you leave today, please return your name tag to the rotating stand.

Share-the-Plate for May: New American Enrichment Fund

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The music of Robert Schumann (1810-1856) is included in this morning's Gathering Music in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Schumann grappled with mental health issues throughout his adult life. Perhaps there was a genetic component, since an older sister had committed suicide. The composer was subject to long bouts of depression, during which he was unable to work and often drank heavily. Later in life, he suffered from auditory illusions and eventually attempted suicide by throwing himself into the Rhine River. Although he was rescued by passing fishermen, he would spend the remaining two years of his life in an asylum, separated from his beloved wife Clara and unable to compose. His music brims with fantasy and literary allusions, seemingly inviting the listener into an intimate, self-confessional world of dramatic juxtapositions and flights of whimsy.

- Adam Kent, Music Director

SUN MAY 31 AT CUUC

9:30am **Childcare** (Room 32)

10am **Religious Exploration: Social Action & PlaceKeeping Planning for RE Sunday** (Fellowship Hall)

10am **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary & Livestream: bit.ly/CUUC-Worship)

11:15am **Newcomers' Conversation** (Fellowship Hall)

11:15am **Social Hour** (Fireside)

11:30am **Caring for Our Aging Beloveds- Pastoral Care Associates** (Room 41)

11:30am **RE Leadership Planning Mtg 2026-27** (Room 11)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon Jun 1 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: Zoom 7899);
10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen)

Tue Jun 2 - 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wed Jun 3- 2pm Conversations About Aging (Fireside Area)

Fri Jun 4- 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: Zoom 7899);
5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall); 7pm Q&A Budget & Accessibility Project
(Online: Zoom 2210)

Sat Jun 5 - 10am Day in Place (CUUC Grounds)

Sanctuary Wi-Fi Network: CUUC_Public | Pwd: cuucwp468

LYRICS

#305 De Colores

All the colors, yes, the colors we see in the springtime with all of its flowers.
All the colors, when the sunlight shines out through a rift in the cloud and it showers.
All the colors, as a rainbow appears when a storm cloud is touched by the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

All the colors, yes, the colors of people parading on by with their banners.
All the colors, yes, the colors of pennants and streamers and plumes and bandannas.
All the colors, yes, the colors of people now taking their place in the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

All the colors, yes, the black and the white and the red and the brown and the yellow.
All the colors, all the colors of people who smile and shake hands and say "Hello!"
All the colors, yes, the colors of people who know that their freedom is won.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de a fuera.
De colores, de colores es al arco iris que vemos lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi.

#1053 How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

LYRICS CONT'D

Carry Me

Oh my heart, carry me, through this world, of dark and light.
In my grief, let me heal, grant me peace.
In my joy, let me soar, as a hawk in azure sky.
Healing heart, my ever friend, my ever friend carry me.

Soul friend, may you find, in my eyes, compassion.
May I be listening ears to truly hear.
When you fall, let me kneel, lend a hand so you can rise.
let my heart, encourage yours, our hearts will carry us.

Gentle friend, let me sing, melodies, to give you wings.
May you find, soft green hills, to give you rest.
May you be, full of strength, like a mountain still and free.
Wise heart, illumine us, like stars across a sea.

#1057 Go Lifted Up

Go lifted up, Love bless your way,
moonlight, starlight, guide your journey
into peace and the brightness of day

FLOWER CEREMONY READING

#724 Consecration of the Flowers

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these thy messengers of fellowship and love.

May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection and devotion to thy holy will.

May they also remind us of the value of comradeship, of doing and sharing alike.

May we cherish friendship as one of thy most precious gifts.

May we not let awareness of another's talents discourage us, or sully our relationship, but may we realize that whatever we can do, great or small, the efforts of all of us are needed to do thy work in this world.