

Welcome to



**COMMUNITY  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION  
AT WHITE PLAINS**

*Nurture Spirituality • Foster Compassion • Engage in Service*



## **“Choose to Bless the World”**

*Sunday, April 26, 2026*

**REV. REBECCA SALA, GUEST SPEAKER  
TRACY BRENNEMAN, RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR  
EMILY ECONOMOU & AL ROCCHI, WORSHIP ASSOCIATES  
ADAM KENT, MUSIC DIRECTOR | ENID PRESS, CLARINET**

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

April 26, 2026

The Rev. ReBecca Sala is the Manager of Spiritual Health & Well-Being at Stamford Health. She graduated from New York Theological Seminary in 2003 and was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist Minister in 2005. She is a Board-Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains since 2007. Rev. ReBecca currently lives in Stamford, CT, with her husband Ron and their two cats, Arya and Groot.

GATHERING MUSIC Adam Kent, piano  
Bell Ringing, Op. 54, No. 6 ~Edvard Grieg  
April, Op. 37, No. 4 "Snowbell" ~Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
"Exaltación" from "Danzas Fantásticas" ~Joaquin Turina

GATHERING HYMN **#298, Wake, Now My Senses**

WELCOME Emily Economou

OPENING WORDS A Holy Alchemy Rev. ReBecca Sala  
~Kim Mason

CHALICE LIGHTING Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times Al Rocchi  
~Lisa Doege  
**So may it be for us,**  
**in these days of uncertainty, sorrow, and rage.**  
**And a light to warm our souls and guide us home.**

HYMN **#318, We Would Be One**

CHALICE CONVERSATION Tracy Breneman

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL Jane Dixon

OFFERING Al

OFFERTORY Sonata for Clarinet and Piano Enid Press, clarinet  
in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1 Adam  
III. Allegretto grazioso  
~Johannes Brahms

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

JOYS, SORROWS, MILESTONES

Rev. ReBecca

IN QUIET

IN MUSIC

"Sanctify Us By Thy Goodness"

~J. S. Bach, arr. by Harriet Cohen

Adam

READING

"Benediction" from  
"Blessing the World: What Can Save Us Now"

~Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker

Rev. ReBecca

MUSICAL  
REFLECTION

"Pour inspirer l'amour" from *Charmes*  
("To inspire love" from *Spells*)  
~Federico Mompou

Adam

SERMON

Rev. ReBecca

HYMN

**#170, We Are A Gentle, Angry People**

CLOSING

Emily

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

"Faith like a light"

~James Galasinski

Al

**Our faith, like a light, illuminates the path before us  
so that we can face hurt with love,  
cultivate compassion, live humbly in community,  
and confront despair with the awe of life.**

**Though our flame is extinguished, our faith shines bright before us.**

BENEDICTION

"Blessed, Just By Being"

~Cara Fortner

Rev. ReBecca

PARTING MUSIC

"To Life!" from *Fiddler on the Roof*

~Jerry Bock

Adam

*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 April: New York Unitarian Universalist Justice  
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## SUN APR 26 AT CUUC

9:15am **RE Music Rehearsal** (Fellowship Hall)

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

10am **Meals for HOPE** (Kitchen)

10am **Religious Exploration: K-12th Social Action Activity** (Fellowship Hall)

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

11am **Environmental Practice Group Presents: Westchester's Citizens' Climate Lobby**  
(Fellowship Hall & Zoom 1991)

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

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Mon Apr 27** - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 4pm AARP Tax Aid (Fellowship Hall)

**Tue Apr 28** - 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 7pm Racial Justice Team (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Wed Apr 29** - 11am Staff Meeting (In Person & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 6:30pm Worship Associate Team Planning (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131)); 7:30pm De-escalation Sub-team (Zoom 8428)

**Thu Apr 30** - 7pm Child/Parent Class: Communicating About Feelings (Zoom 8428)

**Fri May 1** - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 7pm Books with Barbara (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131](https://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131))

**Sat May 2** - 10am Day in Place (CUUC Grounds); 5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

**Sun May 3** - 11:30am Choice Matters: Reproductive Justice at CUUC (Fellowship Hall); 1pm Recipes Fit for a Queen: Mother's Day Cooking Demo with free samples (Fellowship Hall)

Sanctuary Wi-Fi Network: [CUUC\\_Public](#) | Pwd: [cuucwp468](#)

## LYRICS

### #298, Wake Now My Senses

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow,  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;  
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;  
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;  
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;  
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;  
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,  
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;  
join with all people whose rights are denied;  
take not for granted a privileged place;  
God's love embraces the whole human race.

### #318, We Would Be One

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.  
We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have know today.

We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

## LYRICS CONT'D

#170, We Are a Gentle, Angry People (verses 1-3)

We are a gentle, angry people,  
And we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a gentle, angry people,  
And we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice-seeking people...

We are young and old together...