

## **Blessing of the Animals**

### **Service Sunday January 24th, 10 am**

Please join our celebration of those with feathers, fins, scales or fur that share our homes, fill our hearts, add meaning to our lives, and remind us of our place in the interconnected web of existence. Help us make this recorded service a virtual gathering of animals and the humans who love them.

#### **How can you be part of the ritual**

1. Record a video introduction of yourself (individual or family) with your pet(s) **or** if you don't have any live pets but have a special stuffed animal that fills that role, or an animal that doesn't live with you but blesses your life, like the birds at your feeder, or the deer that visit your yard, introduce them. The compilation of these short videos will make up the centerpiece of the service. See more details below.
2. Send us an image of your pet(s) or even better, you with your pet(s). We'll use these during the musical parts of the service.
3. Send us an image of a pet you would like to memorialize, with their name and the years that they lived.
4. Do all of the above!

#### **Video Pet Introductions:**

- Introduce yourself and your pet **and**
- answer **one** of these two questions, in just a sentence or two:
  - In what way does this animal bless your life? Bless the world?
  - What do you imagine this animal believes their role/purpose to be, either in your household, or in the community?

Join Margo, to record your animal introduction in a drop-in Zoom room. It should take less than five minutes (unless your uncooperative animal companion causes a ruckus!)

She has set these times aside:

**Sunday 1/17: 6-7PM, Monday 1/18: 11:00-noon, Tuesday 1/19: 4-5PM**

Just let her know ([margo@uusociety.org](mailto:margo@uusociety.org)) which session you intend to drop into or check with her to see if a different time would work. [Link to Margo's Zoom room](#)

You can also record yourself and share an MP4 file (please avoid sending MOV files).

The cooperative elements like this that we've had in our online services so far, have offered a wonderful glimpse into the homes and hearts of this congregation, and I hope we can all get to know our FUUSB family a little better through this project too!

Thank you for your help!

