

MUSIC AND THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

You ask why I make my home in the mountain forest
and I smile and am silent and even my soul remains quiet:
it lives in the other world which no one owns.

The peach trees blossom. The water flows.

The birds vanish into the sky, and now the last cloud drains away.

We sit together, the mountain and me, until only the mountain remains.

Li Po (c740 CE, Confucian poet)

PRELUDE

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GREETINGS

SOUNDING OF TEMPLE BOWL

INVOCATION *Dao De Ching ch. 16*

This morning may we give rest to worry on this day of rest.

May our hearts be at peace.

This morning may we be aware of the turmoil of life,

but dwell at life's peaceful center.

May we recognize the separateness of beings,

but dwell upon their oneness in their Source.

May we recognize that enmity brings suffering,

but that finding oneness in our Source brings compassion,

like the kindness of a grandmother,

like the guidance of the wise.

This morning may we recognize the rhythms of life

and join in growth with grace and truth and joy.

* HYMN #187

It Sounds Along the Ages

* CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT #473

ANTHEM

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TIME FOR ALL AGES

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the spirit of love surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

from *Two Tramps in Mudtime* by Robert Frost

QUIET MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

SHARING JOYS, SORROWS, AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

"My Church" – Gay Breuler

READING

The Wise Help All Beings from *Dao De Ching (64)*

*HYMN #186

Grieve Not

READING

If One Understands the Ceremonies

Confucius, Doctrine of the Mean

SERMON

TAOIST AND CONFUCIAN GUIDANCE ON BELIEVING

*HYMN #318

We Would Be One

BENEDICTION

CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.
These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

POSTLUDE

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* Asterisk indicates opportunity to stand

Worship Leader: Frank Ierna

Music Director: Nic Filzen

Greeters: Mary Berglund

Dwight Lawton

Speaker: Rev. Jack Donovan

Pianist: Teresa Ancaya

Hospitality: Kevin Wambaugh

Ministers: All of us

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS LOCATIONS: Nursery Age in Conway nursery; Elementary schoolers in our service the first 15 minutes; Youth Gr. 6-12 in social hall library. Greeters can guide you. Sign in children in Sanctuary foyer. Please, no food in Conway RE areas. Children with parents welcome to Refreshments and may return to Conway for play.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

RE Beach Clean-Up March 25, 9:00 am, Redington Shores Public Access. Meet in the public access parking lot (across from Beach Pizza). As her service project, Willow and her family will host a beach cleanup to de-litter both piers. All materials provided. After the cleanup, we will enjoy a fun day at the beach and lunch at Beach Pizza and/or Candy Kitchen.

Hogwarts Camp returns this summer for two weeks! Know someone who'd like to come? Ages 5-17. Camp fee \$135/week. Week #1: July 24-28. Week #2: July 31-August 4. Email Lisa at re@uustpete.org for registration link.

UUSP COMING UP:

Every Tuesday Meditation: Instruction 11:30; Silence 11:45-12:15 – social hall with Pastor Jack.

Every Tuesday Brown Bag Lunch: 12:15-1:00, social hall. Come converse!

Every Wednesday Religious Studies: For 3/22, "Comparing Beliefs with Joseph Campbell's *The Power of Myth*," ch 5, pp 151-179. Discussion quotes provided.

UUSP's UUs Helping Community encourages attendance at "*Out of the Shadows: Helping Homeless Youth in St. Pete*" – **this Tuesday**, 3/21, 6pm at The Palladium Theater (staged stories of LGBTQ Homeless Youth plus a community forum on groundbreaking study results.

UUSP's Social Justice subcommittee for "Saving Our Democracy" encourages attendance at *An Ice Cream Social with Ben and Jerry's Ben Cohen* for the initiative to outlaw corporation contributions to political campaigns – this Friday, 3/24, 7:00pm at Allendale United Methodist Church, 3803 Haines Road North, St Pete. UUSP contacts: Dan Greenfeld, Rev Jack Donovan.

After Sunday Service at UUSP, 4/2: UUSP Snow Birds and St P Audubon Society present Ron Smith (author, Birds of Pinellas County) & Gina Driscoll, (president, Downtown Neighborhood Association) on "*Birds of Mirror Lake – Protecting & Preserving Their Ecosystem.*"

Shall We Get Involved? Sunday 4/9, 11:45 after church, come join UU Community Minister Rev. Karen Day and UUSP pastor Rev. Jack Donovan in the UUSP Sanctuary to learn about (and discuss UUSP joining) FAST, a Pinellas County coalition of 40 congregations advocating for sensible solutions to member-identified local issues. FAST stands for Faith and Action for Strength Together – it's part of a national movement to use community partnership to leverage public policy change for the common good. This year's FAST local issues: criminal justice, education and affordable housing.

UU St. Pete Annual Meeting Sunday April 30, 11:45am to elect UUSP Board of Trustees and offices for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopt a budget for FY 2017-18, and conduct other business as may come before the meeting. We hope that as many UUSP members as possible will attend. *Paul Burnore, BoT president*

Unitarian Universalist Association Annual General Assembly "Resist & Rejoice" – June 21-25, New Orleans. Schedule and Registration at www.uua.org/ga.

UUs helping UUs: Need some help or know a UUSP member who might? Please notify Sue Price, UUSP Care Committee chair, at sueprice63@gmail.com or (727) 290-9910.

UU Justice Florida encourages calls & letters to our U.S. Congressfolk (Nelson, Rubio, Castor, Crist) to oppose proposed budget cuts to EPA and NOAA. For details and contact info, see this week's UUSP InfoNet.

BECOMING A UU ST PETE MEMBER: When you feel this church would be good for you, or you for it, you're ready! So, (1) Attend the two-session Inquirers Class or, if that's not workable, meet with our minister, Rev. Jack; (2) Fill out the Member Information and Pledge Form (UUSP by-laws require a pledge of financial support in any amount to UUSP each year); (3) Sign the Membership Book; (4) Take part!

We All Win when we're ALL IN!



Pledge NOW for UUSP 2017-2018