

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

## Spring 2016 Worship Schedule

Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30 am

March 27

### **"Judas, Peter, and Thomas"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
Easter

*\*Children's Worship at OBH*

Three disciples, three roles in the Easter story:  
Judas as betrayer; Peter as denier; Thomas as doubter.  
Who was redeemed and how—and why does it matter?

April 3

### **"Jazz hands"**

Diana Friedell with "Answer the Muse"  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

In theater, sometimes a musical number is ended with a flourish by doing "jazz hands," a little celebration some call grandstanding or bragging. Why is it difficult to "brag" about the good we do in our lives?

"Answer the Muse," a spiritually inspired musical group from Ithaca, will be our musical guests for this service.

They will also be giving a concert at 2 pm.

April 10

### **"The Creator's Workshop"**

DRE Susan Ryder & Members of the RE Program  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

In one story of our planet's birth, humans were given the precious gift of freedom.  
(Adapted from a service created by the Rev. Erika Hewitt.)

April 17

### **"Facing Our Fears"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Fear can motivate, inform, and protect us;  
it can also distract, paralyze, and even kill us.

What are we so afraid of and why?  
How might we befriend our fears?

April 24

### **"Making Your Own Religious Community"**

Kevin Schultz

*\*Start Together Sunday*

Some come to Unitarian Universalism for a chance to build a Do-It-Yourself religion.

What if the power of UUism isn't about Do-It-Yourself, but rather, Do-It-Together.

May 1

### **"And Who Is Our Neighbor?"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

"Love your neighbor as yourself," said Jesus.  
"And who is my neighbor?" asked the lawyer.  
Jesus answered the question with a story.  
How might he have answered in the modern day.

May 8

### **"A Spiritual Recipe"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
Mother's Day  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

I first learned to cook from my mother. Though, it wasn't the techniques she taught me that stuck with me into adulthood; it was the act of cooking as an expression of love and service.

May 15

### **"Are You a UU?"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
New Member Recognition/Bring-a-Friend Service  
*\*Children's Chapel at OBH*

Even in the modern day, in some places, a person can be arrested for their religion. Rev. Meserve famously asked, "If you were arrested for being a Unitarian Universalist, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

May 22

**"The Practical Bodhisattva:  
Spiritual Heroism in Everyday Life"**

Michael Friedman

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Through a practical application of Buddhism and some straightforward adjustments to our basic attitudes and understandings of how things truly are in the world, all of our lives can be made less full of suffering.

May 29

**"For Our Freedom..."**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*No Religious Education Classes*

This Sunday before Memorial Day, let's take some time to remember those who served and gave their very lives for us. How best shall we honor their sacrifice?

June 5

**"A Flower By Any Other Name"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

Flower Communion/Graduate Recognition

*\*Stay Together Sunday*

As we celebrate our annual flower communion, rejoicing in the beauty and diversity around us, we might pause to reconsider our standards, and their costs to us and those around us

June 12

**"Going Green"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

The Christian and Hebrew scriptures both have God giving humans dominion over the land, sea, and sky—and all the creatures contained therein. What if we misunderstood the charge? What if, rather than dominion, we were given stewardship instead?

June 19

**"Paternalism's Problem"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

Father's Day/Child Dedication

*\*RE. Celebration at OBH*

What does it mean to be paternal?  
What does paternalism look like?  
There is a major difference between the two, and that gap is a problem for all of us.

June 26

**"HaikUU:"**

**A Spiritual Practice in Three Lines"**

Poetry Sunday

Pam Strother and UUSO Poets

*\*No Religious Education Classes*

Come and hear poets  
from our congregation read their traditional  
and not-so-traditional haiku,  
based on one of our seven principles.



**\*Start Together Sunday:** Children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade start out at 10:30 am in the sanctuary with their families until after Time for All Ages.

**\*Stay Together Sunday:** Children stay with their families for the entire service.