

Chimes

Prelude Tim Horne, Music Director (He/Him) & Choir
“Amazing Grace/Kum Ba Yah,”
arr. Lon Beery & Saundra Musser

Invocation Rev. Rachel Baker, Interim Minister (She/Her)

Opening Words Rev. Rachel Baker
By Anais Nin

***Opening Hymn** #298, Wake Now, My Senses

*Chalice Lighting

*Covenant

We light the chalice as a reminder
that Love is the doctrine of this church,
the quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom,
to serve the interdependent web,
to the end that all souls shall grow in harmony,
thus do we covenant, with each other and with _____.

***Speak what is true for you. Some might say “Spirit of Life,” “God,”
“The Universe,” or “The Interdependent Web of Life.”*

*Doxology

From all that dwell below the skies
let songs of hope and faith arise.
Let peace, goodwill on Earth be sung
through every land by every tongue.

Welcome Rosemary Summers, Worship Associate (She/Her)

Time for All Ages Cathi Wiltsey (She/Her)
“The Almost Impossible Thing,” by, Basek Agaoglu

Musical Interlude Tim Horne
“Prelude in A Major,” Frederic Chopin

Children may go downstairs with the RE Point Person during the interlude.

Centering & Grounding Rev. Rachel Baker

Joys & Sorrows

Prayer, Meditation, & Silence Rev. Rachel Baker

Pastoral Hymn #123, Spirit of Life

Sharing Our Blessings & Invitations Rosemary Summers
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direct donations to UU Society of Oneonta

*The Share Our Plate contributions for January will be shared with
Literacy Volunteers of Otsego and Delaware Counties,
which identifies, trains, and matches volunteer tutors with adults seeking
individual instruction in basic literacy in English
for speakers of other languages, and basic math.*

Offertory Tim Horne & Choir
“Simple Faith,” David Tamulevich

Reading Rosemary Summers
“Beyond Borders,” by Rick Hoyt-McDaniels

***Hymn** #90, From the Fret and Fever of the Day

Sermon Rev. Rachel Baker

***Closing Hymn** #1017, Building a New Way

***Closing Words** Rev. Rachel Baker
By Hillel

*Chalice Extinguishing

We release that which was called with love and gratitude,
and we extinguish the chalice,
but not the quest for truth,
commitment to the Beloved Community,
or service to the interdependent web.

These we carry in our hearts and actions until we gather again.

Postlude Tim Horne
“Rondeau,” Henry Purcell

**Please rise in body and/or in spirit*

*After the postlude, please bring hymnals to the cart at the front of the Sanctuary.
If food and drinks are served during social hour, please stack
the last rows of chairs. Thank you!*

Welcome!

Visitors are warmly welcomed! To receive the weekly UUSO newsletter and a personal welcome, please fill out a Visitor Connections Form at the Welcome Table at the back of the Sanctuary, or on the website under the “Visitors” tab.

The Mission of UUSO

UUSO: A welcoming community, nurturing spirit and working for a just and sustainable world

The Vision of UUSO

The UUSO provides a visible, positive place for the greater community to gather in love and acceptance. Without dogma or doctrine, the congregation welcomes all to challenge, question, and explore as all grow in spirit. Because beloved community is inclusive, we champion those who have been historically excluded, and we fulfill our responsibility to the interdependent web of life. The Vision is created by enacting the Mission.

Relational Covenant and Aspiration

To build and sustain diverse and committed relationships within the congregation, we covenant and aspire to get involved and stay engaged; be honest and kind; be respectful and open-minded; and grow and learn together.

**Earphones and Hearing Loop
are available for those
who use hearing aids or have
difficulty hearing.**

Please see the usher(s) for assistance.



Rev. Rachel Baker, Interim Minister
Religious Exploration
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Religious Exploration

Welcome to our Religious Exploration program!

The congregation is trying out a new way to offer Religious Exploration (RE) and Family Ministries. This year we are holding monthly “Second Saturday Celebrations” from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Chapin on the second Saturday of each month. These celebrations are primarily for families, but all are invited. Together we will share a short children’s worship service and religious exploration, followed by games and a light lunch.

All children and teens are welcome to attend worship services every Sunday and may sit together with a member of the RE Team or with their parents or guardians. Chalice Activity Bags are available at the Visitor Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Most worship services include a Time for All Ages, which is either a story or an activity. If children do not wish to stay through the worship service, they may go downstairs after the Time for All Ages to play games or do crafts with the childcare providers in the multi-age classroom.

Invitations & Announcements

If you have an invitation, also known as an announcement, that you’d like to include in the Order of Service, please email uusos@uusos.org no later than the previous Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Submissions will be published as space permits and may be edited for brevity.

Coming Up at UUSO

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m., Worship Service; *Chapin & Zoom*

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

10:00 a.m., Newsletter & Order of Service submissions deadline

7:00 p.m., Green Sanctuary; *Zoom*

Thursday, February 2, 2023

7:00 p.m., Religious Education Team; *email DRE*

Saturday, February 4, 2023

1:00 p.m., Otsego Pride Alliance Dance; *Chapin*

Sunday, February 5, 2023

10:30 a.m., Worship Service; *Chapin & Zoom*

“The Only Way is Through,” by Rev. Rachel Baker

UUSO thanks the following people for today’s service and additional Sunday support:

Worship Associate: Rosemary Summers (She/Her)

AV Operator: Jacob Forster Rothbart (He/Him)

Zoom Assistant: Kathy Paranya (She/Her)

Usher(s): Linda Wilcox (She/Her)

Welcome Table: Karen Palmer (She/Her)

Chancel Table: Rosalind Thomas (She/Her)

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What Does It Take to Get Here

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Led by Rev. Rachel Baker, Interim Minister

In person and online. See UUSO.ORG for Zoom link.

Masks are optional

As an inclusive and Welcoming Congregation, UUSO invites everyone into our faith community, as members and leaders, without regard to religious practice or belief; sexual or affectional orientation; gender identity and expression; age; race; national origin; ethnic background; socioeconomic status; marital status; size; intellectual, developmental, or physical disability; neurodivergence; or physical and mental health.