

Chimes

Prelude Tim Horne, Music Director (He/Him) & UUSO Choir
“Peace Like a River,” arr. Jean Ann Shafferman

Opening Words Zanna McKay (She/Her)
“Water,” by Philip Larkin

***Opening Hymn** #92, Mysterious Presence, Source of All

***Chalice Lighting** Sue Cotter (She/Her)
Julian Pecenco, Worship Associate (He/Him)

***Covenant** Sue Cotter

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** Sue Cotter

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 Julian Pecenco

Time for All Ages Justine Roefs (She/Her)

Musical Interlude Tim Horne
“Walkin’ in the Rain,” by Gerald Martin

Centering & Grounding Laura Reyda (She/Her)

Joys & Sorrows

Reading 1 Judy Tator (She/Her)
“Life Lessons from Flowing Stream,”

Meditation, & Silence Judy Tator

Pastoral Hymn #1007, There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul

Sharing Our Blessings Julian Pecenco
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direct donations to UU Society of Oneonta

The Share Our Plate contributions for September will be shared with Caring Connections. Caring Connections works with individuals and families who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Assistance includes a listening ear; referrals to and education regarding existing programs and services; budgeting assistance; advocacy; and when needed, material goods and financial assistance.

Offertory Tim Horne & UUSO Choir
“Come Drink Deep,” by Carolyn McDade

Reading 2 Beth Small (She/Her)
“Storm,” from Vesper Flights, by Helen Macdonald

Hymn #136, Where Gentle Tide Goes Rolling By

Reading 3 Sue Cotter
Alan Watts words from INZO’s “Drift Like a Cloud, Flow Like Water”; and “Water,” by Melissa Jeter

Mingling of the Waters

Blessing of the Waters

***Closing Hymn** #145, As Tranquil Streams

***Closing Words** Laura Reyda
from “The Covenant of Water,” by Abraham Verghese

***Chalice Extinguishing** Laura Reyda
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
“Allegro Maestoso from “Water Music,” by G.F. Handel

**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 & drink are served during social hour, please stack the last row of chairs.
Thank You!*

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.

See the full covenant here: uuso.org/Covenant

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



Large-print hymnals are available.

Please see the usher(s) for assistance.

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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.

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

Worship Associate: Julian Pecenco (He/Him)

Chancel Table: Suzanne Miller (She/Her)

AV Operator:

Zoom Assistant: Kathy Shimberg (She/Her)

Usher: Suzanne Miller (She/Her)

Welcome Table: Kari Reynolds (She/Her)

Potluck Lunch Hosts: Social Hour Squad

Podcast: Scott Segar (He/Him)

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.

Coming Up at UUSO

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

11:30 a.m., Potluck Lunch; *Chapin*

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

6:30 p.m., Finance Committee; *Zoom*

Saturday, September 16, 2023

11:00 a.m., Molly Swain Celebration of Life; *Chapin & Zoom*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

“Forgiveness and the Problem of Evil”

Led by Pat Wictor

Invitations & Announcements

If you have an invitation or 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.

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In-gathering & Water Communion Sunday, September 10, 2023

Led by the UUSO Worship Committee

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.