

Chimes

Prelude Michael Frye-Hunt, Musician (He/Him)
Dorothy Frye-Hunt, Vocalist (She/Her)

Opening Words Rev. Stacey Mitchell (She/Her)

***Opening Hymn** #207, Earth Was Given as a Garden

***Chalice Lighting** Rev. Stacey Mitchell

***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 Sue Cotter, Worship Associate (She/Her)

Time for All Ages Rev. Stacey Mitchell
Rev. Stacey shares her favorite dog cartoons

Musical Interlude Michael & Dorothy Frye-Hunt
Children may go downstairs with the RE Point Person during the Interlude.

Centering & Grounding

Joys & Sorrows

Prayer, Meditation, & Silence

Pastoral Hymn #55, Dark of Winter

Sharing Our Blessings Sue Cotter
Give Online: <http://uuso.org/donate/>.
Give by App: Download Vanco Mobile
Direct donations to UU Society of Oneonta
*The Share Our Plate contributions for November will be shared with
The Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition. Many of us are the*
descendants of refugees and immigrants. Some of us are refugees or
immigrants ourselves. We are committed to extending the same
welcome and promise that was offered to our families to those who
need a place to call home.

Offertory Michael & Dorothy Frye-Hunt
“Thank You for Being a Friend,” by Andrew Gold

Reading: by Robert Fulghum

***Hymn** #23, Chant of the Seasons

Sermon Rev. Stacey Mitchell
“What I Have Learned about Being Human from
My Dog Copper”

***Closing Hymn** #203, All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

***Closing Words**

***Chalice Extinguishing**
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 Michael & Dorothy Frye-Hunt
“I Love My Dog,” by Yusuf/Cat Stevens

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

After the Postlude, please bring hymnals to the cart at the front of the Sanctuary.

*Today is our first-Sunday-of-month Potluck 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. We are currently holding monthly “Second Saturday Celebrations” from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Chapin Memorial Church on the second Saturday of each month. These celebrations are primarily for families, but all are invited. Together we 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: Sue Cotter (She/Her)

Chancel Table: Rosalind Thomas (She/Her)

AV Operator: Beth Small (She/Her)

Zoom Assistant: Ginny Scheer (She/Her)

Usher: Keith Willcox (He/Him)

Welcome Table: Karen Palmer (She/Her)

Potluck Social Hour Host: Bob Brzozowski (He/Him)

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, December 3, 2023

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

11:30 a.m., Potluck Social Hour; *Chapin*

11:30 a.m., Muffins for Mali and the Mali Market; *Chapin*

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 p.m., Social Action Team; *Zoom*

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

Thursday December 7, 2023

7:00 p.m., Religious Education Team; email DRE@uusoo.org

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:00 a.m., Cookies and Crafts; *Chapin*

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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

“Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation Reflection”

Sahar Alsahlani, Guest Speaker

Invitation & Announcement

UUSO Mali Education Project

The UUSO Mali Education Project will present the annual Muffins for Mali sale on Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17, during coffee hour. The Mali Market will also be open.

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What I Have Learned about Being Human from My Dog Copper

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Led by Rev. Stacey Mitchell

In person and online. See [UUSO.ORG](https://uusoo.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.