

TOWSON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

A Welcoming Congregation



Order of Service
January 1, 2012
10:30 AM

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church is a beacon for freethinking religion fostering spiritual and intellectual growth for all ages while promoting an active commitment to the wider world.

Ministers:

The Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

The Rev. Matthew McNaught, emeritus

The only thing that makes life possible is a permanent intolerable uncertainty: not knowing what comes next.

– Ursula K. Le Guin

RINGING OF THE BELLS – CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

Howard Thurman, adapted

*We light candles this new year
Candles of joy despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of graces to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire our living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.*

PRELUDE *Allegro*

Cesar Franck
Joseph Gascho, piano

(You are invited to form a line of two people down the center aisle to drop a stone for a significant joy, sorrow, milestone, or prayer. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.)

OPENING WORDS

Sylvia L. Howe

HYMN #188 *Come, Come Whoever You Are*

STORY *The Lost Thing*

Shaun Tan

HYMN #6 *Just as Long as I have Breath*

PRAYER/MEDITATION

Arthur Waskow

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Adagio*

Cesar Franck
Joseph Gascho, piano

READING Excerpt from *Faith Without Certainty*

Paul Rasor

OFFERTORY *Offertoire*

Cesar Franck
Joseph Gascho, piano

SERMON *Earthquakes and Shifting Sands*

Michelle Collins

HYMN #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

CLOSING WORDS

GO NOW IN PEACE

Our thanks to Worship Associate Aynsley Hamel and our speaker, Michelle Collins, for bringing us today's service, and to Music Director Dr. Joseph Gascho for his gifts of music.

Our church would not operate without the dedication of the countless volunteers who share their gifts with us by performing various ministries within the church. This morning we would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following:

Audio – Mike Tierney

Greeter – Jan Chapin

Hospitality – Nini Beegan

Ushers – Bette Thomson, Kim Peabody

Please check your cell phone to ensure that it is turned off.

All are invited to join us for coffee in the foyer after the service; members and friends, be sure to greet a newcomer and welcome them to our fellowship!

We always welcome infants and children during our worship program, but if they become restless, please take them into the foyer. Speakers there will allow you to still enjoy the service and the children will have more room to be comfortable.

Hearing devices to amplify the spoken words for each service are available from the audio assistant at the rear of the meeting room. Also, large print hymnals for the older grey hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.

UPCOMING SERVICE

January 8, 2012

9:30 and 11:15 AM

A very special TUUC music service exploring our UU roots through song,
