



ORDER OF SERVICE

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY: The Practice of Interbeing

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Kara Tyler, Director of Religious Education,
Tracey Myers Preston, Membership Connection and Growth,
TUUC Youth Group members, Tony Bonta and friends

April 28, 2024

10:30 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

We Are All the Leaves of One Tree

Plum Village Song

Recorded by Monica Max West

WELCOME

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

OPENING WORDS

Belonging

by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

delivered by Edith Roundy

CHALICE LIGHTING

Eckhart Tolle

delivered by Henry Gieszl

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

What joys are you celebrating?

What grief are you carrying?

Where do you feel your connection to nature in your body? What has this feeling of connection communicated to you most recently?

What prayers are you lifting up?

(Those on-line are invited to message Chat Host Jenny Hare)

PRELUDE

Turn, Turn, Turn

Pete Seeger/ The Byrds

Words adapted from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

Jenny Hare

TIME FOR ALL AGES

The Interdependent Web of Life Game

Adapted from a game created by the Youth Group Research conducted by Kara Tyler, Director of Religious Education

SONG

Reeb Children's Benediction

Ian W. Riddell

Led by Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys

Go in love, our hearts go with you,

Go in joy, our hopes go too.

Learn in love and grow in wisdom.

Shine your light in all you do.

MEDITATION

Cloud In Paper

by Thich Nhat Hanh
delivered by Mia Hager

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Across The Universe

John Lennon & Paul McCartney
Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Reading

Stewards of Hope

by Rev. Rebekah Savage
delivered by Tracey Myers Preston

Prayer

Introduction of new members

Barbara Bachur

Catherine Drew

Don Ellenberger

Bill Flexner

Helen and Len Heckwolf

Thomas Higdon (*who looks forward to being with us in person for the next new member recognition*)

Max Moseng

Kate Spoot

Riah Werner

Sarah Witri

(What brought you to TUUC and led you to choose us as your faith community?)

Hands of Fellowship (receive gift of pin and flower from Tracey Myers Preston)

**Unison reading and congregational response
(NEW MEMBERS RECITE IN UNISON)**

**We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,
pledging to participate in and support
the ministries of this church.**

**We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love
that flows through this church
and guides us.**

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(congregation responds in unison)**

**WE WELCOME YOU AS ONCE WE WERE WELCOMED
OURSELVES.**

WE SEEK TO BE OPEN AND INCLUSIVE;

IN TIMES WHEN IT IS EASY

AND IN TIMES WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT.

WE SEEK TO BE SUPPORTIVE,

NOT ONLY WHEN YOU REACH OUT IN COURAGE TO US,

BUT ALSO WHEN YOU NEED US TO REACH OUT TO YOU.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES.

IN RETURN WE ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE OUR HUMANITY:

WE WILL NOT ALWAYS LIVE UP TO OUR IDEALS.

AND, WHEN WE FALL SHORT

WE INVITE YOU TO STAY IN RELATIONSHIP WITH US

**AND HELP US MORE FULLY BRING ALIVE
THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.
WE WELCOME YOU AS AN EQUAL MEMBER
OF THIS CONGREGATION, OF THIS FAITH,
AND OF OUR SHARED SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.**

OFFERTORY

What A Wonderful World
George D. Weiss and Bob Thiele
Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys

ROOTED AND REACHING

Tracey Myers Preston

HOMILY

The Practice of Interbeing
Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

SONG

The Rainbow Connection
Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher
(from *The Muppet Movie*)

Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys:

Chris Kiehne, mandolin and vocals
Joey Bennett, guitar
Jon Ackerman, dobro
Chris Blauciak, bass and vocals
Tony Bonta, banjo and vocals

REFRAIN (*Join in!*):

Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection;
The lovers, the dreamers, and me.

CLOSING WORDS

Blessing

The Reverend Sean Dennison

GREETING OUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATITUDE

HOSPITALITY

*Those on-line are invited to accept the invitation to join a breakout room.
Those in the building are invited to hospitality provided by Jane D'Ambrogi and
other members of our Social Action Committee.*