

ORDER OF SERVICE

APRIL 29, 2007

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

*** Gathering Song** “Morning Has Broken” (#38)

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

*** Call to Worship**

*** Lighting the Chalice** (in unison)

With deep gratitude for all who have kept burning the flame
Which lights our path, we kindle our chalice.
We remember thus in love the long pilgrimage of those living and dead
Who have in faith and hope guided our way.

*** Musical Response** (#398 – sung by the congregation)

To see the world in a grain of sand,
and a heaven in a wild flower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
and eternity in an hour. (William Blake)

+++++Latecomers may be seated+++++

Responsive Reading

MINISTER: I do not believe we can put into anyone ideas which are not in him or her already.

CONGREGATION: As a rule, there are in everyone all sorts of good ideas, ready like tinder to catch fire.

MINISTER: But much of this tinder catches fire, or catches it successfully, only when it meets some flame or spark from outside, that is, from some other person.

CONGREGATION: Often, too, our own light goes out, and is rekindled into flame again by some experience we go through with a fellow human.

MINISTER: Thus, each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flames within us.

CONGREGATION: If we had before us now, those who have thus been a blessing to us, and could tell them how it came about,

MINISTER: They would be amazed to learn what had passed over from their lives into ours.

CONGREGATION: So, too, none of us know what effect our life produces, or what we give to others.

MINISTER: That is hidden from us, and must remain so, though we are sometimes allowed to see some little fraction of it so that we may not lose courage.

CONGREGATION: The way in which power works is a mystery.

Hymn #6 “Just as Long as I Have Breath”

A Time for All Ages & Singing Out the Children

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory

Joys and Sorrows, Period of Silence, Musical Response

Reading

Special Music

Sermon

“The Meaning of ‘the Father’”

* Closing Hymn #10

“Immortal Love”

* Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

* Closing Song

“May Your Life Be as a Song” (#1059)

May your life be as a song,
Resounding with the dawn to sing awake the light.
And softly serenade the stars,
Ever dancing circles of light.

* Please rise as willing and able

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR TODAY’S SERVICES

“The Pasture,” words by Robert Frost, music by Randall Thompson

Sung by the QUUF Men’s Choir

Hearing assistance devices are available to the left of the sanctuary door as you enter the building.

Tapes of Sunday Services can be ordered in the back of the sanctuary to the left of the front door (\$3). **Print** versions can be made from our website, www.quuf.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week’s Service, May 6, 9:15 & 11:15. Guest Speaker: Dr. Patricia Clark. Sermon: “Words of Praise”

Patricia Clark is Poet-in-Residence and Professor in the Department of Writing at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. She is the author of two books of poetry: *My Father on a Bicycle* and *North of Wondering*. She has also co-edited an anthology of contemporary women writers called, *Worlds in Our Words*.

Patricia's roots are in the Pacific Northwest, where she graduated from the University of Washington (in economics), going on to receive an MFA in English and creative writing from the University of Montana and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Houston. Currently the Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Patricia Clark was invited with two other poets to open the Library of Congress's noon reading series in Washington, D.C. in fall 2005.

Dr. Patricia Clark will be giving a **poetry reading at QUUF this coming Saturday evening, May 5, 7:00 p.m.** See more detail in the flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

Dedication of Children – Mother’s Day – May 13, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. The Dedication of Children is a ritual whereby we gather as parents and a congregation to give thanks for the gift of recently-born human life and to dedicate ourselves to the nurture of that young life through our tender care. The ceremony will take place during the “Time for All Ages” portion of the Sunday service. Typical ages of children for this ceremony are infancy to about eight years old. Parents who wish to have a child(ren) dedicated on May 13, please call or e-mail the church office by Wednesday, May 9. Questions? E-mail or call Kathy Stevenson or Bruce Bode.

Green Projects Survey – Last Day TODAY!! Your last chance to contribute to the survey of 12 projects we will consider next year as part of our Green Sanctuary accreditation effort. Leave completed forms in the basket, and join others who have already responded.

“QUEEN-FOR-A-DAY” Saturday, May 12th 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The past five years our Social Action Committee has honored single and low-income mothers with a day of pampering, fun and child care. We’ve been able to send each mother home with gift bags containing items donated by local merchants. This year we feel that

presents donated by QUUF membership will make a more direct and personal statement of support. At the same time, it will allow us to express our appreciation of local businesses for their past generosity.

In the back of the sanctuary is a **“Giving Tree” with tags for gifts in different price ranges.** We invite you to take a tag and put it, with cash or a check written to QUUF in the attached envelope. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! If you would like to help, either in the planning or on the day of the event, please contact Diane Bommer.

**“THE PARADOX OF RELATIONSHIPS”
A Workshop with Pittman McGehee at QUUF
Sunday, May 13, 2007, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

This seminar of lecture and discussion, titled “The Paradox of Relationships: I Alone Become Myself; I Cannot Become Myself Alone,” will address the four primary or archetypal relationships in one’s life journey – mother, father, self, and other.

The workshop will be led by J. Pittman McGehee, a Jungian analyst and director of the Institute for the Advancement of Psychology and Spirituality in Houston. Sponsored by the Edward Edinger Society for the Study of C. G. Jung and ALPs.

The cost is \$35, if registered by Thursday, May 3; \$40, thereafter. Scholarships available. Sheets with the registration form and more information is found at the back of the sanctuary and our website at www.quuf.org.

The Early Bird Book Discussion Group, meeting each Sunday from 7:50-8:50 a.m., in RE#2., today began discussing De La Mettrie’s Ghost: The Story of Decisions by British psychiatrist, Chris Nunn. This book is a “compelling analysis of the nature of free will, drawing together evidence from physics, chemistry, literature, politics, history, and beyond.” Not too late to be part of this discussion. For books, contact Rev. Bode at bruce@olympus.net.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Helene Fatt-Everett is recuperating nicely at the KahTai Care Center and is planning to go home in a week or two.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The QUUF bylaws provide that **every five years board will create a committee to review the bylaws.** Linda Little (chair), David Alvarez and Megan Cate have been working on revisions and invite you to a discussion on **May 6 right after the 12:15 service** to learn about the proposed changes which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Changes include: eliminating “Standing” committees, having the Nominating Committee propose a slate of candidates for the Nominating Committee in the same way this committee proposes a slate for the Board and the Special Funds Committee, setting term limits and clarifying functions of Nominating Committee, creating a youth liaison board position, authorizing Assistant Treasurers, requiring committees to obtain prior Board approval when issuing public statements, and specifying requirements for the receipt and expenditure of Special Fund monies. The revised bylaws are available for review at the QUUF website. Please have a look and then plan to attend this meeting. (Kendra Golden, QUUF Board President)

Registration is now open for GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists from throughout North America. Join other QUUF-ers in traveling to **Portland, OR, June 20-24**, for a fabulous exploration of the wider UU world. Brochures in back of the Sanctuary; details online at www.uua.org/ga.

QUUF has planned your
whole day for you on Saturday, May 19th!!
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| 9 a.m. - Noon | Landscaping party at the church<br>(bring tools and a snack/drink?) |
| 12 - 2 p.m.   | Rhody Parade - Uptown                                               |
| 6 - 9 p.m.    | Friendship Supper<br>(venue pending)                                |

field.....fun.....fellowship.....food!!

*QUUF Annual Flower Communion*

*Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - both services  
Bring a flower to share*