

ORDER OF SERVICE
MAY 6, 2007 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The secluded life of the mind beckons
like a cave, and you step into
the darkness.

The wedge of domestic comforts
must be abandoned –
: goodbye, goodbye – I will miss you.
: hurray! I'm leaving.

(Patricia Clark, from "Another Sunlit Interior," My Father on a Bicycle)

*** 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)

We come together, compounded of the ancient elements,
mud and fire within it we call life, vast waters, and something –
the intangible substance of hope –
out of which the human dream is made. (Loren Eiseley)

*** 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: For the holiness of every place where light is found, for the healing of nature and the understanding of fellow humans, for the insights of toil, and for the sanctities of birth and death:

CONGREGATION: For the ennobling graces of life we offer praise.

MINISTER: For this place and hour, where we leave behind old cares and pleasures, and where all things meet and change and are renewed:

CONGREGATION: For temples, tabernacles, sanctuaries, and their celebrations, we give thanks.

MINISTER: For the revival of zest in living, for tides of life about us and within, for present happiness and strong desire, and for the songs of our ascending way:

CONGREGATION: For all that renews and strengthens our spirits we are grateful.

MINISTER: For the bright procession of memory and new images of hope, for our relationships of privilege and duty, for those long gone and for those near whose virtues bless us, for school and church and state, and for all worthwhile concerns of our days and years:

CONGREGATION: For history past, and for this history in which we live, we give our thanks.

MINISTER: For the urgency in us to do and dare, to alter and effect, and for deep impulses of heart and hand, to work in the earth and recreate ourselves and our common life after patterns of righteousness beheld in mounts of vision:

CONGREGATION: For the dreams that arise in us, and for ever-renewing purposes and prophecies: our works and our dedications speak our gratitude.

H.O.P.E. Offering

Flower Communion

Prayer for the Consecration of Flowers (in unison)

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these, thy messengers of fellowship and love. May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection and devotion to thy holy will. May they also remind us of the value of comradeship, of doing and sharing alike. May we cherish friendship as one of thy most precious gifts. May we not let awareness of another's talents discourage us or sully our relationship, but may we realize that whatever we can do, great or small, the efforts of all of us are needed to do thy work in this world. Amen.

(Prayer of Rev. Norbek Capek)

Hymn #8 "Mother Spirit, Father Spirit"

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

"Words of Praise"

* **Closing Hymn #159** "This is My Song"

* **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

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

GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEEK: PATRICIA CLARK

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, May 13, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Guest: Rev. Pittman McGehee. Theme: "The Miraculous in the Mundane: Finding a Healthy Spirituality and Encountering the Transcendent in the Everyday Life" – Spirituality is the deep human longing to translate the transcendent into the immanent through experience and reflection upon it. This presentation will be centered around the ways we can experience the transcendent and transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

J. Pittman McGehee received his Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1969. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Formerly the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Houston, he is currently a Diplomate Jungian analyst and the director of the Institute for the Advancement of Psychology and Spirituality. Additionally, he is serving as the Carolyn Fay adjunct lecturer in Analytical Psychology at the University of Houston. Pittman is widely known as a lecturer and educator in the field of psychology and religion, as well as a published poet and essayist.

"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 \$40. 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.

NEXT WEEK'S DESIGNATED OFFERING

May 13 – Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Jefferson County. Offers legal advocacy, housing, medical emergency assistance, and education. Operates an emergency shelter (a former B&B) that can house up to 12 people who need to escape the violence in their lives.

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 **right after the 12:15 service today** 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.

(Kendra Golden, QUUF Board President)

"QUEEN-FOR-A-DAY" This Saturday, May 12, 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.

If it's too difficult or expensive to make it to the Mariners/Padres game in Seattle on **May 20**, the next best thing is to attend the **Field of Dreams Coed Softball Game** led by coaches Bruce Bode and Jim Golden. The action takes place at Fort Worden's exquisitely manicured ball diamond overlooking Admiralty Inlet beginning at 3:30 p.m. (batting and throwing practice for players at 3:00 p.m.). 25 players (who paid good money at the QUUF Auction) will compete (or not) in this game for the ages. There is no charge to view this spectacle; however hot dogs, chips, crackerjacks, beverages, etc. will be on sale at the concession stand run by Betty Oppenheimer and Flossie Bode. Come join us for all the action.

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 14, please call or e-mail the church office by Wednesday, May 9. Questions? E-mail or call Kathy Stevenson or Bruce Bode.

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.

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.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Helene Fatt-Everett continues to recover at the KahTai Care Center and is expected to go home in the coming week.

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