

ORDER OF SERVICE – MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

May 27, 2007

9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

*** Gathering Song** “Come, Sing a Song with Me” (#346)

Come, sing a song with me, come sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.
And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

*** Call to Worship**

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

We drink from wells we did not dig.
We have been warmed by fires we did not build.
We light this chalice in thanksgiving
for those who have passed their light to us.
(Deuteronomy 6:11, adapted)

*** Musical Response** (#403 – sung by the congregation)

Spirit of truth, of life, of power,
we bring ourselves as gifts to thee;
oh, bind our hearts this sacred hour
in faith and hope and charity.

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

Responsive Reading:

MINISTER: These are our dead. Short days ago they lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved, and were loved.

CONGREGATION: These are our dead. Some died in the fullness of time; they have seen and felt and known.

MINISTER: Others died abruptly before they had really begun to know the problems and sorrows, joys and delights, of mature persons.

CONGREGATION: We have had various relationships with them. Some were very dear to us; others were unknown except to a few.

MINISTER: Everyone that cares for us and for whom we care dies and tears something of the fabric of our life.

CONGREGATION: At times the loss is so great, the sadness so deep, it takes one's breath away. No matter how many deaths one has seen, it again seems unbelievable, unreal, not so.

MINISTER: So great is the sorrow, so deep is the threat, that, for the most part, we avoid thinking about it.

CONGREGATION: We hurry away from the grave; we take up again, with alacrity, the daily problems and confusions which seem so much easier to handle than the imminent specter of death.

MINISTER: But the richness of our life depends upon how we surround ourselves with those who care for us, and how much we live in the spirit that does not pass away with the passing of the body.

CONGREGATION: We need to treasure more deeply those who have loved us and died; they give greater joy and beauty, greater meaning and worth to our days, because they help us to see, to feel, to hear, and to understand more deeply.

MINISTER: Will not these qualities we have met in our departed loved ones go on to infuse all the days of our lives? Do we not own gratitude and remembrance wherever we have met with any joy and intimacy?

CONGREGATION: And so this day we honor these, our dead, and all those whom we have known in the past no longer with us.

(Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair)

Call to Remembrance (See insert)

* **Hymn 336** “All My Memories of Love”

* **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 & Remembrance of Departed Loved Ones

Musical Response

Reading

Special Music

Sermon

“If You Don’t Leave, You Can’t Come Back”

* **Closing Hymn #354** “We Laugh, We Cry”

* **Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

* **Closing Song** “Spirit of Life” (#123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

* Please rise as willing and able

Hearing assistance devices are available to the left of the sanctuary door as you enter the building. These can be used in the RE building if a parent needs to be with their child.

RE Today – This morning our children will be purchasing groceries at the Food Coop and delivering them to the Jefferson County Food Bank. They will be using the May HOPE collection. **Parents, be sure you have checked in with Kathy this morning.**

GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEEK: DAN GERBER

Dan Gerber is in Port Townsend this week on the occasion of the publication by Copper Canyon Press of a new book of poems titled, *A Primer on Parallel Lives*. In addition to this new book of poems – his seventh – he has published three novels, two books of non-fiction, and a collection of short stories.

Dan’s life has included a good deal of variety – from being a high school teacher, to a professional racecar driver, to a Zen Buddhist monk. He was one of the first authors to explore and document the wild intimacies of competitive auto racing in his 1977 book, *Indy: The World’s Fastest Carnival Ride*. Born and raised in Fremont, Michigan, he lives with his wife Debbie near the Santa Ynez Valley in California.

His writing has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, *Sports Illustrated*, *New York Magazine*, *The Partisan Review*, and *Poetry Magazine*. His last book, *Trying to Catch the Horses*, was named Book of the Year by *ForeWord* magazine and poems from *A Primer on Parallel Lives* have appeared in Ted Kooser’s “American Life in Poetry” column, as well as *The Shambhala Sun*.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR TODAY’S SERVICES

“Ashokan Farewell” from the PBS series, The Civil War; words: Grian McGregor; music: Jay Ungar. Sung by the QUUF choir.

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE
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Harry Jordan
Richard Earhart
Lucy Redkey
Mary W. Erickson
Bernice Ruth Johanson
Daniel Plachta
Jonathan Conant
Earl Willetts
Eula Dennison
Mary Jordan
Louise Nomura
William John Wynn
Arthur David Smith
Ruth Humphrey
Lois Anne Overton
Judy Allen
Everett Whealdon
Kathleen Bruskin
Vance Lewton
Marjorie Willets
James Edward Everett
Ruth Russell
Desiree W. Whipple
Irene Osborne
Lucille Watson
Anya Kurotchkin Lincoln
Gwyneth Pederson
Trevor Wilson
George Harper
Dick Shipley
Josh Stewart
Craig Stout
John Butler
Henry Redkey

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week’s Service, June 3, 9:15 & 11:15 A. M. – Bridging Ceremony for High School Seniors

Religious communities are traditionally places we celebrate transitions in life. In our culture, graduation from high school is one such transition. Unitarian Universalists honor our seniors with a Bridging Ceremony; they are crossing the bridge to young adulthood. Through ritual, song and words we honor this transition in life. This year we have five young people participating in our Bridging service: Hannah Burn, Cameron Roberts,

Hannah Barrett, Eva Weber and Lily Cael. They will speak to us about how being a part of QUUF has influenced them.

Final Service of the Regular Church Year, June 10, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. – Rev. Bode,

“I’m Glad You Asked That Question...” Like last year, for this final service of the regular church year I invite any questions you may have of me. Examples from last year are:

“What is the concept behind promoting QUUF as a ‘center for religious liberals’ versus as ‘a center for Unitarian Universalists?’”

“How can you help me deal with the anger I feel when reading or watching the morning news?”

“When are you going to ‘lose the suit and tie’ (and fully embrace your Pacific Northwest heritage)?”

In the sermon portion of the service I will read these questions, give a brief response, and, if there’s time, open it up for comments. Please send your questions to me via e-mail, bruce@olympus.net, or by letter to the church. Don’t be shy.

Congregational meeting to review and discuss architect Richard Berg’s **first design** for the building expansion – **Sunday, June 3, 12:30 p.m.** after the second service. Discussion led by the Building Steering Committee.

QUUF’s Annual Meeting will take place on **June 10**, right after the second service. This is your chance to learn about, and vote on key Fellowship issues. We will elect members to the Board of Trustees, Nominating and Special Funds Committees. We will also vote on bylaws revisions, the 2007-08 budget, and Green Sanctuary Projects. Please come and participate in our Fellowship democracy. If you cannot make the meeting, you can still have a friend cast a vote in your stead. Proxy forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Let’s keep our grounds green, as well as our church! Please sign up for a **summer watering slot** on the sheet in back of the sanctuary.

We are trying to put together **a list of those who plan to attend this year’s GENERAL ASSEMBLY** in Portland for purposes of coordinating rides and perhaps for getting together while there. Please check to see if your name is on the list on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary and add the needed detail.

Due to soggy weather, last Sunday afternoon’s **Field of Dreams Coed Softball Game was postponed** (though some enthusiasts of questionable intelligence took batting practice in the pouring rain). The plan now to is play this game at the beginning of the All-Church Picnic on September 9 at 4 p.m. at the H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum. For those of you who had paid good money to participate in this auction item, please mark this date on your calendar and Jim Golden and Bruce Bode will be in touch with you as the date approaches.

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.

THIS MONTH’S DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

May 27 – Camp for Girls. This non-profit organization provides leadership skills, constructive risk-taking and fun to local girls who need a break from stress-filled lives. The main project is a week-long residential camp for preteens (typically ages 10-12) at Fort Flager. This year the camp will run from June 25-29. The cost for a girl to attend is \$249, and while families contribute something, no girl is turned down for lack of expenses. Our offering will help support these girls at camp.

Members of the Designated Offering Committee are Pam Daly, chair, Don Berg, Sue Estes, Jan Forrest, Gayle Kaune, Rod Mitchell, and Bruce Bode, staff liaison. They welcome and encourage your suggestions of organizations to receive these twice-monthly offerings

NOTE: All cash goes to the designated organization unless you use a QUUF envelope found at the back of the sanctuary or carried by our ushers. Please make all checks payable to QUUF, using the memo line to indicate the recipients and amounts, e.g., designated organization, your QUUF pledge, or a QUUF contribution.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Nancy Gurnee underwent surgery this week at Harrison Hospital.

Helene Fatt-Everett continues to recover at the Kah'Tai Care Center and is expected to go home this coming week.

Sandy Stewart is now over half-way through her chemo treatments and tolerating them well. Her fifth out of six treatments is in a couple of weeks.