

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 16, 2008

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

“To have reverence in the face of life is to be in the grip of the eternal, unoriginated, forward-pushing will, which is the foundation of all being.... In reverence for life religious feeling lies before us in its most elemental and most profound form, in which it is no longer involved in explanations of the objective world, nor has anything to do with such, but is pure religious feeling founded altogether in implicit necessity and therefore devoid of care about results.”

(Albert Schweitzer, from Civilization and Ethics)

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope,
Sign of our quest for truth and meaning,
In celebration of the life we share together.

* **Gathering Song** “Here We Have Gathered” (#360)

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts’ own song.

* **Opening Words**

* **Musical Response** (#396 – sung by the congregation)

I know this rose will open. I know my fear will burn away. I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will open.

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

Responsive Reading

MINISTER: The world offers us the horrible drama of the will-to-live divided against itself. One existence holds its own at the cost of another: one destroys another.

CONGREGATION: Only in the thinking human has the will-to-live become conscious of other will-to-live, and desirous of solidarity with it.

MINISTER: This solidarity, however, one cannot completely bring about, because the human is subject to the puzzling and horrible law of being obliged to live at the cost of other life, and to incur again and again the guilt of destroying and injuring life.

CONGREGATION: But as an ethical being one strives to escape whenever possible from this necessity,

MINISTER: And as one who has become enlightened and merciful to put a stop to this disunion of the will-to-live so far as one's influence reaches.

CONGREGATION: One thirsts to be permitted to preserve one's humanity, and to be able to bring to other existences release from their sufferings.

MINISTER: Existence will thereby become harder for one in every respect than it would be if one lived for oneself, but at the same time it will be richer, more beautiful, and happier.

CONGREGATION: It will become, instead of mere living, a real experience of life.

(Albert Schweitzer, statements from Out of My Life and Thought: An Autobiography)

*** Hymn #1066** "O Brother Sun"

A Time For All Ages

Singing Out the Children "Go Now in Peace"

Congregational Announcements

Stewardship Schtick: Sarah Walker (9:15)

Jeff & Beth Logan (11:15)

Offering & Offertory "Goldberg Variations," J.S. Bach

Joys and Sorrows & Period of Silence

Musical Response "Goldberg Variations," J.S. Bach

Special Music

Sermon "Albert Schweitzer's Religious Philosophy of Reverence for Life: Part V: The Ethics of Reverence for Life"

*** Closing Hymn #1052** "The Oneness of Everything"

*** Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

*** Closing Song** “From You I Receive” (#402)

From you I receive, to you I give,
together we share, and from this we live.

* Please rise as willing and able

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21: 12:00 Noon (Good Friday Service)

The Fellowship of Those Who Bear the Mark of Pain

Speaker: Rev. Bode. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a physician, spoke of “The Fellowship of those who bear the Mark of Pain.” Who are the members of this Fellowship? This year’s Good Friday service, which adapts and universalizes the Good Friday tradition, will explore that question.

Music: Beatus Meier. The pieces planned for this special service are from Johann Sebastian Bach (“Prelude in B flat Minor from WTC I” and “Final Chorus from St. Matthew Passion”), Ludwig van Beethoven (“Andante from Concerto No. 4 in G”), and Johannes Brahms (“Intermezzo in E flat Minor, Opus 118 No. 6”).

March 23: 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Easter)

The Sacredness of All That Lives

Rev. Bode. To Albert Schweitzer all life was a sacred mystery; no life was without value. Easter Sunday, which celebrates the renewal of life both within and without, is a perfect time to bring to a conclusion my sermon series on the Schweitzer’s religious philosophy of Reverence for Life.

QUUF's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be during each service March 23rd. Children 5th grade and under are invited to join us. We appreciate colored hard-boiled eggs brought to us during the week, or on Sunday morning.

Save the Date for the QUUF Annual Stewardship Dinner featuring Great Works of Art! March 29, 5:30pm. You will soon be receiving a call from a table host.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is the UU Sexuality Program that we have offered for 7 years. Our 7-9th graders are in need of one or two more facilitators to create a full team for next year. Training is in June. Please speak to Kathy if you are interested in joining Joseph Bednarik or Debra Bouchard in this valuable opportunity to serve our youth.

The Early Bird Book Discussion Group (meeting each Sunday from 7:50-8:50 a.m. in RE#2) plans to begin a new book on **Sunday, April 13**, titled, **Integral Spirituality: A Startling New Role for Religion in the Modern and Postmodern World** by Ken Wilbur (published 2006). All welcome. Please pick up book on your own. Contact Rev. Bode for more information at bruce@olympus.net or call the church office.

Reverence for Our Planet – This Sunday (with the sermon theme of the ethics of Reverence for Life) is a time to consider the Earth as our home and its destiny as our own. As part of our Green Sanctuary Program we asked people to make a pledge to reduce their carbon footprint by 2%. and some folks did. In case the measurement aspect seems daunting, we have added an opportunity to make a different pledge, to merely take one or more of the actions from the handout titled "What You Can Do To Protect The Earth." The

pledge form and the handouts are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for your help.

"Death with Dignity Initiative" – Members of the Social Action and Education Committee (SAEC) and others will be in the breezeway today collecting signatures for this Initiative.

Mystery Pal Certificates should be picked up today. Adults pick up in RE, children in sanctuary.

QUUF FAMILY CAMP!! – The Parents' Covenant Group is very interested in organizing a QUUF Family Camp this coming **Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26 (Friday evening to Monday noon)**. They have tentatively booked the Deception Pass State Park (Cornet Bay Environmental Learning Center, www.parks.wa.gov/elcs.asp) on Whidbey Island for this possibility.

This is planned as a **family camp for everyone**, not only families with children. Facilities include: a lodge and recreation hall; fully equipped kitchen; various-sized cabins; restrooms and showers; amphitheater for group gatherings; ADA access. Recreational possibilities include: kayaking and canoeing; hiking; fishing; volleyball; softball; horseshoes; and much more.

For 80 persons, it is estimated that the cost for the 3-day weekend would be a very reasonable \$50 per person (includes food). To make this a go, they need to know within 30 days if there is enough interest. **To express your interest and for more information, please find a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday.**

Quid Pro Quo Auction is still alive – For those gals who missed the auction and want a weekend get away, there is still time to bid on item #3010, "Ladies Weekend on the Town in Friday Harbor." Relaxed weekend in private waterfront condo for four ladies. (3 spots left) Six meals provided. Shopping, museums, galleries, wine tasting, free ferry rides and more. Friday May 16 thru Sunday May 18, 2008. Provide own transport, parking, walk on ferry and Dutch Treat Saturday dinner out. Per person bid set at \$90. Donors: Lee Faulkner and Barb Dyer. The first three gals to call Jim Golden will win this weekend get away, 379-6904. Interested in other auction items? See the March newsletter.

ALPS Workshop – this Saturday! "Getting to Yes: Practical Tips for Building Consensus" – Effective group work often involves building consensus, yet this can be a difficult challenge at times. In this session we will share experiences we have had – successful and unsuccessful – and develop practical tips for building consensus. Our starting point will be to discuss the short and easy to read book, *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement*. Earll Murman, facilitator. Sat., 10am-12 n, Mar. 22.

Change of Date for Recital – Linda Bach's vocal recital of solos and duets with Nancy Grunewald, accompanied by pianist Helen Lauritzen, has been RE-SCHEDULED to May 11th at 3:00 p.m. in QUUF sanctuary. (It was originally scheduled on March 30)