

ORDER OF SERVICE – “EASTER SUNDAY”
MARCH 23, 2008 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

“The Essence of Being, the Absolute, the Spirit of the Universe, and all similar expressions denote nothing actual, but something conceived in abstractions which for that reason is also absolutely unimaginable. The only reality is the Being which manifests itself in phenomena.”
(Albert Schweitzer, from Civilization and Ethics, p. 237)

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

We come together this Easter Sunday
To renew our faith in the holiness, goodness and beauty of life;
To reaffirm the way of the open mind and the full heart;
To reclaim the vision of an earth more fair, with all her people one.

*** 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: We may say that there are two kinds of naiveté.

CONGREGATION: The first is one which is not yet aware of all the problems, and has not yet knocked at all the doors of knowledge.

MINISTER: The second, a higher kind, is the result of having looked into all the problems, having sought counsel in all spheres of knowledge, and having come to see that we cannot explain anything.

CONGREGATION: The deeper we look into nature, the more we recognize that it is full of life, and the more profoundly we know that all life is a secret.

MINISTER: A true acquaintance with the world consists in being filled with a sense of the mystery of existence and life, a mystery that only becomes more mysterious with each advance in scientific research.

CONGREGATION: The more profound a religion is the more it realizes this truth: that what it knows through belief is little compared to what it does not know.

MINISTER: To be filled with the mystery of life is like that which is called in the language of mysticism the “knowing ignorance.”

CONGREGATION: The highest knowledge is to know that we are surrounded by mystery.

(Albert Schweitzer, adapted)

* **Hymn #61** “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

A Time For All Ages

Singing Out the Children “Go Now in Peace”

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory

Joys and Sorrows

Period of Silence & Musical Response

Reading

Special Music

Sermon “Albert Schweitzer’s Religious Philosophy of Reverence for Life:
Part VII: The Sacredness of All That Lives”

* **Closing Hymn #270** “O Day of Light and Gladness”

* **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

QUUF's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place during each service today. Children 5th grade and under are invited to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, March 30, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. ("Stewardship Sunday") Rev. Bode – "Principles of a Free Faith" – Religiously liberal congregations are communities based on covenant rather than creed, on the practice of "right relations" over "right belief." They are communities whose identity is related more to principles, processes, and values than to specific religious doctrines. This sermon will name and explain these core principles.

QUUF Annual Stewardship Dinner featuring Great Works of Art! – **This Saturday, March 29, 5:30pm.** If you have not been contacted and would like to attend PLEASE call Kendra Golden, 379-6904, to join the festivities.

The RE Spring Fling, March 29th, is a wild, fun event for children whose parents are attending the Stewardship Dinner. To sign up, contact Kathy, or sign up on the RE table. Bring your children to church at 5:30, on your way to the dinner.

On April 6-12th the Coming of Age group will be painting 3 RE rooms. We would appreciate donations of painting supplies such as brushes, rollers, pans, masking tape, rags, buckets for washing brushes.

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.

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 20 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.**

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 a book on your own. Contact Rev. Bode for more information at bruce@olympus.net or call the church office.

"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.

Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County needs immediate help at the Furniture and More Store and the office, as well as construction help for the 2008 build season, May-Nov. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. To attend April training sessions, prospective volunteers should fill out an application at the office, by mail, or online by March 31. For more information contact QUUF Habitat Rep Diane Bommer, 385-7947, or visit www.habitatjec.org. **Volunteer forms are available today** at the back of the sanctuary.

Earth Day Challenge –100 pledgers! So far, 85 children and adults have signed to do at least one new thing for the earth this year from the list of 30 posted ideas. The sign up sheet and list of actions are located in the back of the sanctuary. Let's see if we can reach 100 pledgers by Earth Day.

If anyone is planning to attend the **UUA General Assembly this coming June 25-29** in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, please contact Robin Ditzler as soon as possible. We'd like to know who is planning to go, so we can plan for delegate selection. There is also some limited financial assistance available, but the application deadline is March 31st.

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)

The RE Kids and staff thank Suzanne Hempstead for continuing her tradition of baking beautiful and delicious Easter cookies for us.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Bill and Margaret McLaughlin's son, John McLaughlin, did not return from a trip to Norway at the expected time. Authorities in Norway have been trying for over a week to locate him, but at this point with no success. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this distressing time.

Eleanor Finley Otte, mother of QUUF member, **Jana Finlay**, died peacefully on Sunday, March 16, at the age of 91 at the Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton after a short illness. We express our sympathy to Jana and her family.

Maitland Hardyman continues to recuperate at home from a severe infection (*streptococcus bovis*). Maitland reports that each day he is feeling a bit stronger and less pain. He anticipates four more weeks of daily infection-fighting infusions at Jefferson Hospital.

Joe Russell, because of hearing loss, is now seldom able to attend Sunday services. However, he is able to communicate by phone with the assistance of a machine that digitizes the voice. To call him (which he appreciates), first call 1-877-243-2823 and then his number, 360-385-0196.

Note from Sheila Lauder: My photograph "Rocky's Nose", will be on the Kodak website at Kodak.com all day on March 30 as their picture of the day. It will also be appearing every few minutes all day on their Big Board in Times Square on that same date. This is a QUUF double since Rocky is the Blue Heeler pup belonging to Wenkie Schultz and her family who live next door to me. I'm going to New York to stand in Times Square and look up at Rocky's nose and marvel at it. This is all actually amazing to me. Sheila Lauder

THIS WEEK'S DESIGNATED OFFERING

March 23: Veterans for Peace, a national organization with a local chapter 109 (including 4 members of QUUF) on the Olympic Peninsula, has a project that furnishes Iraq hospitals with units that produce sterile water. These Sterilight units produce 8 gallons/minute and are manufactured in Ontario, shipped to Amman, Jordan, where a former Iraqi water engineer ships them to Iraq. So far, VFP has shipped 10 units at a cost of \$1500 each. Recently the furnishing of fiberglass water tanks to Iraqi schools was added to the project. All the donated money goes directly to the project and is a way of helping repair damage done by the US sanctions and invasion. More information is available at www.iraqwaterproject.org.

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.