

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 30, 2008

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

“If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.”

(Hosea Ballou, 1771-1852, Universalist minister)

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

We are ever bound in community:

We build on foundations, we did not lay.

We warm ourselves at fires, we did not light.

We sit in the shade of trees, we did not plant.

We drink from wells, we did not dig.

We profit from persons, we did not know.

We light this chalice in thanksgiving

For those who have passed their light to us.

(Freely adapted from Deuteronomy 6:10-12)

* **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!

* **Opening Words**

* **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: This house is for the ingathering of nature and human nature.

CONGREGATION: It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble, an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.

MINISTER: It is a house of freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person.

CONGREGATION: It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring, both in times of security and danger, the full and undivided conflict of opinions.

MINISTER: It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

CONGREGATION: It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies and handiworks.

MINISTER: It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

CONGREGATION: This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor.

(Kenneth L. Patton)

*** Hymn #305** De Colores

A Time For All Ages Kathy Stevenson

Singing Out the Children “Go Now in Peace”

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory Franz Liszt, Impromptu in E,
Opus 52 No.1; Beatus Meier, piano

Joys & Sorrows

Period of Silence & Musical Response Johannes Brahms,
Allegretto from Sonata No.1 for V'cello & Piano, Opus 38; Kyle Campbell,
cellist; Beatus Meier, piano

Reading

Special Music Gabriel Fauré, Elégie for V'cello & Piano,
Opus 24; Kyle Campbell, cellist; Beatus Meier, piano.

Sermon “Principles of a Free Faith”

*** Closing Hymn #121** “We’ll Build a Land”

*** 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. Headphones are also available for parents with wiggly babies and can be used in R.E. #3.

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.

SPRING SPRUCE-UP!! – Mark you calendars now to help with our annual **Spring Spruce-up, Sat., April 12th, 9 a.m. to noon.** There will be something for everyone to do ... weeding, repairing pot holes and the failing wall in the parking lot, multiple fix-it jobs, taking out Scotts Broom and poison Hemlock, and more. A special feature will be a short presentation by Esko Cate on the dangers of poison Hemlock and how to safely remove it. Bring gloves and wear clothes that cover exposed skin. Esko's talk will be about 10 minutes long and will occur around 9 a.m. There will be coffee and snacks throughout the morning. Let's have a good turn-out! From your QUUF Building & Grounds Committee.

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP!! We have enough people signed up to reserve the site. Sign-ups continue on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Camp is **Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26 (Fri. eve to Mon. noon),** at Deception Pass State Park (Cornet Bay Environmental Learning Center, www.parks.wa.gov/elcs.asp) on Whidbey Island.

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.

The cost for the 3-day weekend is \$50 per person (includes food). No dogs. There will be some funds for partial scholarships. We hope to use email to organize ourselves into task groups such as food shopping, meal preparation, clean up, etc. For those who need to be at QUUF Sunday morning, we can arrange carpools to come back here, then return to Camp for the remainder of the weekend. Contact Jeff Logan, jeff@insideout.com with questions. The registration form will be out soon.

Need **CARD TABLES** for the **April 12th QUUF Coffee House.** Contact Carolyn Salmon please.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Bill and Margaret McLaughlin's son, John McLaughlin, who did not return from a trip to Norway at the expected time about two weeks ago, still has not been heard from. A Norwegian friend of his living in the U.S. has flown over to Norway to help in the search, and is currently exploring the areas in which he was last seen. Bill and Margaret appreciate calls of support in this difficult time.

Maitland Hardyman continues to recuperate and improve at home from a severe infection (*streptococcus bovis*).

A baby boy, Django Ewan Inuk Lynge, was born to Janna Knudson (daughter of Bob & Cynthia Knudson) & Simon Lynge on March 14 at Jefferson County Hospital. "Just beautiful," says Grandma. The child's name combines Gypsy, Scottish, Inuit, and Norwegian heritages.

Bob Knudson underwent his fourth chemo treatment for an inoperable lung cancer (adenocarcinoma). The treatments have been very effective in reducing the tumor, so much so that he has been playing the trumpet again.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, April 6, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Guest Minister: Rev. Lena Breen (pulpit exchange) "So Faith, Hope, And Love Abide, These Three, And the Greatest Of These Is Faith" – The ancient 1st Corinthians 13 text is adapted for today's challenges. "Faithing" is essential and unconditional when we choose to live life with risk.

The Reverend Lena Breen is a retired minister living in Mount Vernon as director and teacher of the Mount Vernon Yoga Center having served five of our churches, two of our theological schools, and at UUA headquarters.

A-HA! Group Starting – A-HA! (Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists) will have their first of twice-monthly get-togethers on Sunday, April 20, 5 PM in the sanctuary. A potluck will be followed by a short presentation and discussion. (Please bring a potluck dish to share, plus your own table service - plate, tableware, glass/cup, napkin - in order to minimize cleaning-up activities.)

The discussion topic title is: "Since I'm a Human, Doesn't That Automatically Make Me a Humanist?" Future topics will be selected from the book "What We Believe But Cannot Prove", edited by John Brockman. True to the common value of *individual responsibility* found within all the philosophies of A, H, & A, individuals within the group will be expected to choose and present a topic from this book for a future meeting.

Coffee and tea will be available for **your** cup. Child care will be offered. Please contact Judy or Jim Tough, A-HA! coordinators, if you have questions: 385-3065 or tough@olympus.net. Please let us know if you plan to attend (so we know how many tables/chairs to set up and how much coffee to perk).

QUUF women! Sign up now for the annual **Women's Retreat, April 25-27**, at beautiful Camp David Jr. on Lake Crescent. Sign up sheets and a description of the retreat can be found at the back of the church, on the website, or in your April bulletin. Please come – a great time will be had by all.

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.

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.

"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.

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)