

APRIL 27, 2008

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

“‘Golf is life,’ he says softly, and his green eyes expand.... I see that he is right ... absolutely; there is no life, no world, beyond the golf course – just an infinite and terrible falling away.”

(John Updike, Golf Dreams)

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul.

It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life.

It is the fire of reason, the fire of compassion, the fire of community, the fire of justice, the fire of faith.

It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart, the divine glow in every life. (Eric Heller-Wagner)

*** 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: And an old priest said, Speak to us of religion.

CONGREGATION: And the Prophet said: Have I spoken this day of aught else?

MINISTER: Is not religion all deeds and all reflection, and that which is neither deed nor reflection, but a wonder and surprise every springing in the soul, even while the hands hew the stone or tend the loom?

CONGREGATION: Who can separate one's faith from one's actions, or one's belief from one's occupations?

MINISTER: Who can spread one's hours before oneself, saying, 'This for God, and this for myself; This for my soul, and this other for my body?'

CONGREGATION: All your hours are wings that beat through space from self to self.

MINISTER: The one to whom worshipping is a window, to open but also to shut, has not visited the house of one's soul whose windows are from dawn to dawn.

CONGREGATION: Your daily life is your temple and your religion. Whenever you enter into it take with your all.

MINISTER: Take the plough and the forge and the mallet and the lute, the things you have fashioned in necessity or for delight.

CONGREGATION: And if you would know God do not be a solver of riddles.

MINISTER: Rather look about you and you shall see God at play in your children.

CONGREGATION: And look into space; you shall see God walking in the cloud, outstretching His arms in the lightning and descending in rain.

MINISTER: You shall see God smiling in flowers, then rising and waving His hands in trees.

(Kahlil Gibran, "On Religion," from The Prophet; adapted)

Hymn #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory

Joys & Sorrows

Period of Silence & Musical Response

Reading

Special Music "My Heart is in the Highlands"

Arr., Victor C. Johnson; sung by QUUF Men's Choir,
and joined by members of the PT Men's Ensemble

Sermon “The Spirituality of Golf”

* **Closing Hymn #128** “For All That Is Our Life”

* **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 in the night.

 * Please rise as willing and able

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week’s Service, May 4, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. – “Coming of Age Service.” We have 20 youth in this year's Coming of Age Program. Each youth has spent the year with a QUUF adult mentor, working on service projects, learning about Unitarian Universalism, and writing about their beliefs. In this worship service they will be presented to the congregation and each will read their Credo Statements. They are our future. Come help us honor them. Ten will present at the 9:15 service, and ten at 11:15.

The 2008 QUUF Congregation Survey will be distributed to all members and friends this week. To save postage costs, please pick up your survey after today’s service. Thanks!

Preparing for groundbreaking – Join the fun during July 19th and August 3rd. Several jobs need to be accomplished before groundbreaking for our new building. We will need 12-15 people per day to prepare our site, move the fountain, rocks and plants, and to move the shed and expand it. Please complete the summer survey today if you can help.

Dedication of Children – Mother’s Day – May 11, 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 11, please call or e-mail the church office by Wednesday, May 7. Questions? E-mail or call Kathy Stevenson or Bruce Bode.

New Members will be received into the Fellowship on **Sunday, May 18**. If you are planning to become a member at this time and have not yet signed up, please contact the office by Tuesday, May 13.

Notice of Congregational Discussion (May 4) and Vote (May 18), 2008

**Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
PLEASE JOIN US!**

Discussion: Sunday May 4, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.

**Congregational Vote: Sun., May 18, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.
(both meetings follow the second service)**

Two Important Events: Now that we have completed the design, obtained cost estimates for our new building and finished this year's combined Stewardship and Capital Campaigns, we can gauge what we can afford to build. Come to the May 4 discussion to hear all of the details of the building and how it will be funded. Come again on May 18 to vote on whether to move forward to groundbreaking and beyond.

The Vote: To fund (via a mortgage, capital gifts and other vehicles) and proceed with the building expansion designed to our Program Document specifications. The question to be voted upon will be presented at the May 4 and May 18 meetings, once the results of the Stewardship and Supplemental Capital Campaigns have been analyzed.

Attendance: We need a quorum of 30% of the membership in order to hold this vote, so please plan to be there. ***As this is an extremely important vote, we are hoping for an attendance level much higher than 30%.***

Proxy Voting: If you cannot attend but wish to vote, proxy forms and instructions will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Note that proxy votes do not count toward the 30% quorum.

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP!! 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. **It is time to submit your registration form and payment.** Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary in the clipboard rack. Housing needs are addressed on the form and will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Food planning is being handled by Marc Gordon 732-4747, activities and crafts by Tracy Thompson 385-5219. All other questions should go to Jeff Logan 360-681-5175. Contact one of them to volunteer. They may also be contacted via email.

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.

Building Assistance for UUCWI (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island) – Here's a chance to rehearse our skills for our own upcoming building project as well as to give valuable assistance to our sister congregation on Whidbey Island. They are in the midst of building their own sanctuary (similar to what QUUF did eleven years ago) and invite us to join them for a work party on Saturday, May 17, from about 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. I'm planning on going, and if you'd like to join me, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary. (Bruce Bode)

Auction Brainstorm Dessert, May 5th, 7 P.M. – Celebrate success, eat dessert, and help brainstorm ways to improve our already great auctions at the home of Celeste Dybeck in Kala Point. Contact Celeste for info (buckwheat@cablespeed.com) or Kees to carpool (kkolff@olympus.net), or just show up to eat.

A Celebration of Song! Recital on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day!) at 3:00 in our sanctuary, presented by **Linda Bach**, soprano, with Nancy Grunewald, mezzo-soprano, and Helen Lauritzen, piano. Airs and duets -- Bach to Britten -- and more! Showcased will be the "Flower Duet" from Puccini's opera *Madama Butterfly*. \$10.00 at the door. Come and celebrate!!!

QUUF has joined a community-wide Call to Action titled, "**Our Kids: Our Business.**" April is National Child Abuse and Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you care to join the staff of QUUF in making 5 promises to children, you will find a pledge form on the social action bulletin board that is above the hymnal shelf.

A Candlelight Vigil will mark the end of the Social Awareness and Prevention Campaign in Jefferson County on Sunday, April 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m., at the Haller Fountain in Port Townsend.

Supporters of the Port Townsend School District invite you to a rally on Sunday, April 27th at 1:00 p.m. Gather at 12:45 p.m. at the Community Center to create awareness and support for the school bond issue. We'll march from Uptown to Downtown with a grand finish at The Haller Fountain for a "brief" rally.

Found after Men's Retreat:: orange bowl. swim trunks, beach towel. **COLLECT PLEASE!** Call David Bommer at 385-7947

WHEEL OF LIFE

Maitland Hardyman is again in Seattle at the University of Washington Medical Center, this time with pneumonia. He anticipates remaining there through heart valve surgery scheduled for April 30. Doris Hardyman is there with him. Maitland appreciates your kind thoughts and cards.