

## **“COMING OF AGE SERVICE”**

**MAY 4, 2008 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Opening Chime** (sounds three times to begin service)

**Welcome & Introduction to Coming of Age Service**

**Lighting the Chalice** (in unison)

We are travelers. We meet for a moment in this sacred place to love, to share, to serve.  
Let us use compassion, curiosity, reverence, and respect while seeking our truths. In  
this way we will support a just and joyful community, and this moment shall endure.

**\* Gathering Song** “Gathered Here” – #389 (sing twice)

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit draw near.

**\* Opening Words**

**\* Musical Response** “Spirit of Life” – #123 (sung by congregation)

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.

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

**Responsive Reading**

LEADER: Deep within our selves resides the religious impulse.

CONGREGATION: We have religion when we hold some hope beyond the present, some self respect beyond our failures.

LEADER: We have religion when our hearts are capable of leaping up at beauty, when our nerves are edged by some dream in the heart.

CONGREGATION: We have religion when we have an abiding gratitude for all that we have received.

LEADER: We have religion when we look upon people with all their failings and still find in them good; when we look beyond people to the grandeur in nature and to the purpose in our own heart.

CONGREGATION: We have religion when we have done all that we can, and then in confidence, entrust ourselves to the life that is larger than ourselves.

(Ralph N. Helverson)

**\* Hymn #346** “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

**H.O.P.E. Offering**

**A Time for All Ages**

**Singing Out the Children** “Go Now in Peace”

**Congregational Announcements**

**Welcome to Visitors**

**Offering & Offertory**

**Credo Statements**

(9:15) Peri Muellner, Rilke Rutenbeck, Ben Iuro

(11:15) Emma Kelety, Ryan Hoffman, Elizabeth Dennison

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Period of Silence**

**Musical Response** “Tiszan innen” (a Magyar Gypsy melody)

**Credo Statements**

(9:15) Ellie Forbes, Irina Lyons, Karling Rutenbeck, Austen Turner

(11:15) Molly McGuire, Leah Russell, Alethea Westlund, Isaac Urner

**Hymn #1053** “How Could Anyone”

**Credo Statements**

(9:15) William O’Brien, Madilyn Kidwell, Maxwell Meier

(11:15) Molly Brown, Nakaia Millman, Rinnah Becker

**Recognition of Coming of Age Youth and Mentors**

**DIRECTOR OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Mentors, you have answered the call to be guides, friends and teachers to the youth of our congregation. You have led by example, you have taught by sharing your own beliefs as Unitarians, and you have modeled friendship as a journey of generosity, commitment and curiosity.

**CONGREGATION (in unison):** Mentors, we are grateful for your willingness to give your time, energy, and love as stewards and elders to the youth of our community. You have planted seeds of self-identity, personal integrity, and clarity that will continue to sprout and grow as these youth step out into the world knowing what it feels like to be seen and supported by their religious community.

**MINISTER:** Youth, we honor your commitment to show up these past seven months, to be of service as volunteers, to explore friendship with your mentors, and to express your beliefs so eloquently to the community. We are excited and honored to welcome you as young adults into our congregation.

**CONGREGATION (in unison):** We welcome you with pride and awe for all that you have accomplished while Coming of Age. Each of you reminds us that our future as a congregation relies on our willingness and ability to listen to and learn from each other. May

you continue to thrive in our midst and always feel at home in this community of helping hands, open minds and loving hearts.

\* **Closing Hymn #1064**

“Blue Boat Home”

\* **Spoken Benediction**

\* **Extinguishing the Chalice**

\* **Closing Song**

“From You I Receive” – #402 (sing twice)

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

**Next Week’s Service, May 11, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.** – Rev. Bode. “Blessing” – On this Mother’s Day Sunday I will speak about the powerful concept of “blessing,” inviting each of us to look at our past in terms of where we received blessing or where we missed it, and to look to our future in terms of both receiving and giving blessing.

### **Notice of Congregational Discussion (May 4) and Vote (May 18)**

**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.**

**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 this Sunday’s 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:**

*“Shall QUUF authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,410,000 in cash (including up to \$400,000 in long-term debt) towards the construction of the full footprint of our proposed expansion?”*

*“The full footprint, per the latest architectural drawings, includes a new sanctuary, full foyer, new bathrooms, new kitchen, new office space, and renovation of the back of the existing sanctuary to create a youth room and a RE/ALPS meeting room.*

*“7,700 hours of volunteer labor, valued at \$15/hour, brings our total resources up to \$1.525 million, which we expect is enough to build the full footprint.”*

**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](http://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.

**A-HA! (Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists)** will meet today, Sunday, May 4, 5:00 PM in the QUUF sanctuary. A potluck dinner will be followed by a discussion. True to the shared value of individual responsibility, Marcia Lewton, a participant in A-HA! will present the discussion topic "External Reality." A short essay on this topic can be found in the book, What We Believe But Cannot Prove, edited by John Brockman (pages 103-4).

Customs of the A-HA! Group consist of: 1) bringing a potluck dish to share; 2) bringing your own table service (plate, tableware, glass/cup, napkin); 3) coffee, tea and water are available - if you want something else, bring it; 4) help with 4:30 set up and/or 7:15 clean-up; 5) wash and return QUUF tablecloths; and 6) take a turn to make a very short presentation prior to a discussion period.

Contact Judy Tough for information: e-mail: [tough@olympus.net](mailto:tough@olympus.net); phone: 385-3065.

**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.

By now all QUUF members and friends should have received their **2008 QUUF Congregational Survey**. Please fill yours out as soon as possible and return in the enclosed envelope. If you have not received your survey, contact David Rymph at [drymph@gmail.com](mailto:drymph@gmail.com) or 360-385-7459.

**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 Tuesday, May 6. Questions? E-mail or call Kathy Stevenson or 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](mailto:buckwheat@cablespeed.com)) or Kees to carpool ([kkolff@olympus.net](mailto:kkolff@olympus.net)), or just show up to eat.

**Building Assistance for 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)

**Special Speaker and Program – May 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.** On Sunday, May 18, we have a guest speaker who I invited to be with us after I attended a 2-day workshop with him at a ministerial retreat. His name is **Kurt Hoetling**, a wilderness guide, commercial fisherman and contemplative teacher. At the start of 2008 he took a vow to go car-free for an entire year, and stay within a 60-mile radius of his home on Whidbey Island, as a personal response to the challenge of global warming. A life-long resident of Puget Sound, he has embarked on a series of explorations of the Puget Sound Basin on foot, by bicycle and kayak to rediscover his roots.

In addition to giving the sermon in the morning, Kurt will lead an afternoon program, titled "The Power of Presence," that will build on the themes of his morning sermon, offering poetry, contemplative practice and group dialogue as tools for opening new ground in our shared journey toward hope in these troubled times. **This program will be by donation only, but to be part of it we ask that you please sign-up in advance (at the clipboard rack) so we know how many to prepare for.** (Bruce Bode)

**Carl Nomura and the Community Peace Symbol** – Carl sends a tremendous thank you to all who have brought poppy seeds to plant in the peace symbol. He is asking children to come help plant the seeds on May 10th at 1:00 p.m. Come to his house at 363 Discovery Rd for instructions. In addition, he needs a few adults to help in the morning, preparing for the planting. Contact Gary Forbes (forbesfam@olympus.net), or Kathy Stevenson (k Stevenson@olympus.net), if you can help. He also asks ALL OF US to weed among the daffodils before then. The gate is unlocked; just show up when it is convenient for you. You may spread the word; all are welcome. Thank you for your efforts and seeds for making this project a success.

**Friendship Supper** - A Friendship Supper event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17, at the home of Jenifer and Lynn Taylor.** A great way to get to know your fellow "QUUFers." Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact Jenifer Taylor at 385-3666.

**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!!!

**Found at Women's Retreat:** blue beaded necklace. Check office.

### **WHEEL OF LIFE**

**Maitland Hardyman** underwent successful surgery at the University of Washington Medical Center on April 30 that involved replacing a heart valve (originally replaced 10 years ago) and a double by-pass. Recovery, according to Doris, is likely to be long and involved with 6 weeks of antibiotic infusions needed to fight an infection similar to the one he recently had. He is expected to be at the UW Medical Center for at least a week before returning to PT. Before leaving home to go to Seattle for this surgery, Maitland was able to finish constructing a model of the new sanctuary – a project in which he took great pleasure – that will be on display shortly.

