

ORDER OF SERVICE

MAY 18, 2008

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

My heart is moved by all I cannot save;
So much has been destroyed
I have to cast my lot with those who, age after age,
With no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.

(Adrienne Rich)

*** Opening Words**

*** Gathering Song** “Come, Sing a Song with Me” (#346)

Come, sing a song with me, come sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.
And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

*** Musical Response**

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

Responsive Reading

MINISTER: If we have the wisdom to survive, to stand like slow-growing trees on a ruined place,

CONGREGATION: Renewing it, enriching it,

MINISTER: If we will make our seasons welcome here, asking not too much of earth or heaven,

CONGREGATION: Then a long time after we are dead the lives our lives prepare will live here,

MINISTER: Their houses strongly placed upon the valley sides,

CONGREGATION: Fields and gardens rich in the windows. The river will run clear, as we will never know it,

MINISTER: And over it, birdsong like a canopy.

CONGREGATION: On the levels of the hills will be green meadows, stock bells in noon shade.

MINISTER: On the steps where greed and ignorance cut down the old forest,

CONGREGATION: An old forest will stand, its rich leaf-fall drifting on its roots.

MINISTER: The veins of forgotten springs will have opened. Families will be singing in the fields.

CONGREGATION: In their voices they will hear a music risen out of the ground.

MINISTER: They will take nothing from the ground they will not return, whatever the grief at parting.

CONGREGATION: Memory, native to this valley, will spread over it like a grove, and memory will grow into legend, legend into song, song into sacrament.

MINISTER: The abundance of this place, the songs of its people and its birds, will be health and wisdom and indwelling light.

CONGREGATION: This is no paradisaal dream. Its hardship is its possibility.
(Wendell Berry)

Welcoming of New Members

Congregational Pledge to New Members (in unison)

We, the members of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, gladly receive you as new members into our congregation. We would join our strength and talents with yours, and we pledge to you our faith, our hope, and our love.

* Hymn #323 "Break Not the Circle"

* Singing Out the Children "Go Now in Peace"

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory "Allegro" from Quartet in F, by G.P. Telemann
Played by Otto and Kristin Smith, concertina and violin;
Owen Fairbank, oboe; Ikue Goldstein, piano

Joys and Sorrows, Period of Silence

Musical Response "Grave" from Quartet in F, by G.P. Telemann

Reading

Special Music "Vivace" from Quartet in F, by G.P. Telemann

Sermon "Beyond Denial or Despair"

* **Closing Hymn #1068** "Rising Green"

* **Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

* **Closing Song** "Spirit of Life" (#123)

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.

* Please rise as willing and able

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER: KURT HOELTING

Kurt Hoelting is 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, while at the same time dramatically reducing his own carbon footprint

Kurt will be our speaker at both the 9:15 & 11:15 services today, and then will offer a two-hour contemplative program this afternoon from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. His afternoon program, titled "The Power of Presence," 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.**

WHEEL OF LIFE

Following complications, **Maitland Hardyman** is now back home in PT after successful heart surgery on April 30 at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. He appreciates all the thoughts and good wishes of the congregation.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, May 25, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. – Rev. Bode, "The Ache of Memory." Our Memorial Day Sunday service includes a "Call to Remembrance" in which we honor and remember all those who have died that have been part of QUUF. My sermon will begin with a reflection on the following lines from a poem by Robert Frost: "Only be it understood,/ It shall be no trespassing/ If I come again some spring/ In the grey disguise of years,/ Seeking ache of memory here."

The June 1st service will be an opportunity to see and hear from our four high school seniors who will participate in the **Bridging ceremony**.

Final Service of the Regular Church Year, June 8, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. Like the last two years, for our final service of the regular church year I invite any questions you may have of me. Examples of questions from previous years are:

"Who thought up the idea of God?" (A question from a youngster)

"How can you help me deal with the anger I feel when reading or watching the morning news?"

"When are you going to 'lose the suit and tie' (and fully embrace your Pacific Northwest heritage)?"

Please send your questions to me via e-mail, bruce@olympus.net, or by letter to the church. Don't be shy. (Bruce Bode)

The A-HA! group will meet this evening, May 18, in the QUUF sanctuary. Our purpose is to provide a time and place for fellowship as well as the pursuit of knowledge and discussion about agnostic, humanist, and atheist philosophies, interests and concerns. Jim Oakland and Bob Francis will present tonight's topic "Science and Complex Systems: Ecology and Neuroscience."

Please plan to come to share in our community potluck social and dinner! Bring YOB, dish to share, and your table service (plate, glass/cup, silverware, napkin) to minimize cleanup. We gather beginning with setting up tables and chairs, making coffee and heating tea water at 4:30, then we socialize. We begin our meal around 5:15 and at 6:00 we listen to the brief presentation by fellow A-HAers, leaving the remaining time for discussion. Our goal is to clean-up and put the room back in order by 7:15-7:30.

We invite you to join us and look forward to seeing you this evening! Judy Tough, 385-3065, tough@olympus.net.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

This Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.

The Vote:

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

* QUUF is authorized to accept temporary loans from community members during construction pending receipt of pledged money.

** QUUF may borrow up to \$100,000 from the Pacific Northwest UU Growth Foundation for the construction of additional space to accommodate our growing congregation and programming as part of the \$400,000 debt.

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/hr, 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.

If you are attending QUUF Family Camp it is advised that you make a reservation for your ferry travel. You can make a reservation by calling 1-888-808-7977 or 206-464-6400 or 511 (WA) between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily.

Preparing for groundbreaking – Join the fun from July 19 through August 3. 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 from on the Greeter's Table if you can help.

Office Help Needed:

One time deal!!--someone to help office staff get the Newsletter ready to mail—May 28th, from 3-5 p.m. OR July 2nd 1-3 p.m. Could you spare a few hours during the summer so that Nancy can have a vacation?? Light, pleasant duty—think of it as a “mini-holiday”!!