

“MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY”

MAY 25, 2008

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Well-away and be it so,
To the stranger let them go.
Even cheerfully I yield
Pasture or chard, mowing-field,
Yea and wish him all the gain
I required of them in vain.
Yea and I can yield him house,
Barn, and shed, with rat and mouse
To dispute possession of.
These I can unlearn to love.
Since I cannot help it? Good!
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.

(Robert Frost, “On the Sale of My Farm”)

Opening Chime (sounds three times to begin service)

Lighting the Chalice (in unison)

We drink from wells we did not dig.
We have been warmed by fires we did not build.
We light this chalice in thanksgiving
for those who have passed their light to us.

(Deuteronomy 6:11, adapted)

*** 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.

*** Opening Words**

*** Musical Response**

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

Responsive Reading:

MINISTER: These are our dead. Short days ago they lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved, and were loved.

CONGREGATION: These are our dead. Some died in the fullness of time; they have seen and felt and known.

MINISTER: Others died abruptly before they had really begun to know the problems and sorrows, joys and delights, of mature persons.

CONGREGATION: We have had various relationships with them. Some were very dear to us; others were unknown except to a few.

MINISTER: Everyone that cares for us and for whom we care dies and tears something of the fabric of our life.

CONGREGATION: At times the loss is so great, the sadness so deep, it takes one's breath away. No matter how many deaths one has seen, it again seems unbelievable, unreal, not so.

MINISTER: So great is the sorrow, so deep is the threat, that, for the most part, we avoid thinking about it.

CONGREGATION: We hurry away from the grave; we take up again, with alacrity, the daily problems and confusions which seem so much easier to handle than the imminent specter of death.

MINISTER: But the richness of our life depends upon how we surround ourselves with those who care for us, and how much we live in the spirit that does not pass away with the passing of the body.

CONGREGATION: We need to treasure more deeply those who have loved us and died; they give greater joy and beauty, greater meaning and worth to our days, because they help us to see, to feel, to hear, and to understand more deeply.

MINISTER: Will not these qualities we have met in our departed loved ones go on to infuse all the days of our lives? Do we not owe gratitude and remembrance wherever we have met with any joy and intimacy?

CONGREGATION: And so this day we honor these, our dead, and all those whom we have known in the past no longer with us.

(Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair)

Call to Remembrance (See names on insert)

* **Hymn #412** "Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite"

* **Singing Out the Children** "Go Now in Peace"
(Note: Children 3rd grade and up remain in the service)

Congregational Announcements, Offering & Offertory

Joys and Sorrows

Period of Silence & Remembrance of Departed Loved Ones

Musical Response

Reading

Special Music “Omnia Sol,” by Z. Randall Stroope

“The sun warms everything, even when I am far away.”

“Love me faithfully, and know that I am faithful.”

(Translation of Latin text)

Sermon

“The Ache of Memory”

*** Closing Hymn #336**

“All My Memories of Love”

*** 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

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE Memorial Day Sunday, May 25, 2008

Harry Jordan
Richard Earhart
Lucy Redkey
Mary W. Erickson
Bernice Ruth Johanson
Daniel Plachta
Jonathan Conant
Earl Willetts
Eula Dennison
Mary Jordan
Louise Nomura
William John Wynn
Arthur David Smith
Ruth Humphrey
Lois Anne Overton
Judy Allen
Everett Whealdon
Kathleen Bruskin
Vance Lewton
Marjorie Willets
James Edward Everett
Ruth Russell
Desiree W. Whipple
Irene Osborne
Lucille Watson
Anya Kurotchkin Lincoln
Gwyneth Pederson
Trevor Wilson
George Harper

Dick Shipley
Josh Stewart
Craig Stout
John Butler
Henry Redkey
Micky Douhan
Leo Lake
Niels Holm
Ruth Butler
Diana Johanson
Eleanor Finlay Otte

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, June 1, 9:15 & 11:15 A. M. – Bridging Ceremony for High School Seniors

Religious communities are traditionally places we celebrate transitions in life. In our culture, graduation from high school is one such transition. Unitarian Universalists honor our seniors with a Bridging Ceremony; they are crossing the bridge to young adulthood. Through ritual, song and words we honor this transition in life. This year we have four young people participating in our Bridging service: Tranisha Arzah, Ethan Walat, Bri Rowan and Tyler McDaniel. They will speak to us about how being a part of QUUF has influenced them.

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)

At our Annual Meeting on June 8, the congregation will be asked to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting of June 10, 2007, and the Congregational Meetings/Votes on October 21, 2007 and May 18, 2008 and the budget for 2008-2009. Copies of these minutes and budget will be made available to you by email (or by regular mail if you do not have email), on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary, and within the Annual Report (which will be distributed at the Annual Meeting). Please come to the Annual Meeting prepared to discuss, correct and approve these minutes and the budget.

Notice of Annual Meeting June 8, 2008
(at 12:45 p.m. following the second service)
Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
PLEASE JOIN US!

The Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Correction and Approval of the minutes of the June 10, 2007 Annual Meeting, the October 21, 2007 Congregational Meeting, and the May 18, 2008 Congregational Meeting
- Elections: (Board Nominees: 3-year terms: David Ditzler, David Hundhausen, Marilyn Mitchell and Rob Roose (completing the 2 years remaining on a vacated term); Special Funds Nominees (3-year terms): Deborah Carroll, Don Dybeck; and Nominating Committee Nominees Diane Bommer (1 Year), Carrie Muellner (1 year) Helen Kolff (2 years), Joanna Sanders (2 years)
- Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Budget
- Unfinished Business
- Special Updates from the Building Steering Committee, Building Design and Construction, and Volunteer Coordinating Committees
- New Business
- Election Results
- Adjournment

(Committee, President, Minister and DRE Reports are in the Annual Meeting booklet)

Attendance: We need a quorum of 30% of the membership in order to hold this vote, so please plan to be there.

Proxy Voting: If you cannot attend but wish to vote, proxy forms and instructions will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out the Proxy Authorization and give it to the person who will be voting on your behalf, prior to the meeting. Note that proxy votes do not count toward the 30% quorum.

Fans are invited to attend this year's Field of Dreams Coed Softball Game (an auction item for which a number of QUUFers paid good money to play) on the balmy Sunday afternoon of June 1. Led by coaches Bruce Bode and Jim Golden, all the action takes place at Fort Worden's exquisitely manicured ball diamond overlooking Admiralty Inlet beginning at 3 p.m. (batting and throwing practice for players at 2:30 p.m.). There is no charge to view this spectacle, so why not take your favorite folding chair, perhaps pack a picnic, and root for your favorite team. (If you missed the opportunity to bid on this auction item and would like to play, please contact Jim Golden at jimandkendra@olympus.net.)

THIS SUNDAY'S DESIGNATED OFFERING

May 25 – Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO) is an organization that works in partnership with community organizations and volunteers to provide equipment, transportation, chores, and support service. It assists elderly and disabled people and those with limited incomes to live independently. One QUUF volunteer was called upon to use his truck to deliver fire wood for heating a home.

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

WHEEL OF LIFE

Maitland Hardyman is back home with a good prognosis after heart surgery (and various complications) on April 30 at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. He appreciates all the thoughts and good wishes of the congregation and hopes to be back at Sunday Services very soon. The model of the new sanctuary located on the piano by the stairwell is his handiwork.

Don and Jan Givens wish to thank all who signed letters to our senators advocating for funds for the Department of Defense ALS Research Program. They were able to hand deliver 150 letters to each of our senators in Washington, D.C. last week. Many thanks.