

March 29, 2025

A Springtime Prayer

Oh power of springtime,
Spirit of green grasses and warm breezes;
Goddess of creativity
of birth
of life renewed
You sing all about us at this time.

The birds call your sacred name.
Buds burst forth with your vestment.
The sun reaches higher into the sky
shining the light of this new day
through the windows of your cathedral,
this world.

Oh power of springtime
forgive us our speediness
and our racing before your
eternal grace
that we do not see
the miracle world we share.

Open our eyes with your warmth
and our hearts with your beauty
slow our minds with awe and wonder.

Dear Spirit of green grasses
and warm breezes;
let us find here
in these moment of quiet
the grace of your breath
as we breathe into our bodies
the spirit of spring.

By George A Tyger



Legislative Action

**Our congregation has been invited
to join UU ministers and
members from around the state here
at UUFJC on Wednesday, April 23rd
at 10:00 - 3:00**

They are traveling to Jefferson City for a day of legislative action at the capitol. The day will start out with connecting with UU's from around the state. Then there will be training on how to advocate with our elected officials. We'll share lunch and then head over to the capitol.

This week's Adult Forum: Gary Kowaluk, Chair of the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences at Lincoln University will introduce the concept of “prisons of the mind.” He will relate this psychological concept to his work “behind the walls.”

Next week's Forum: Melinda Jennings, campaign director of the Salvation Army will speak about plans to update their facility.

This week's sermon: *Service as a Spiritual Practice: Unitarian Universalist Faith in Action* by Rev. Beth Dana

What does it mean to truly serve others? Is it about helping, fixing, or something deeper? In Rev. Beth's sermon "Monthly Service," we explore the difference between simply offering assistance and engaging in service as a spiritual practice. Drawing from the wisdom of Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, the Apostle Paul, and Unitarian Universalist teachings, we reflect on how service—when grounded in faith and connection—can transform both the giver and the receiver. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed by the world's needs or searching for a way to make a meaningful impact, this sermon invites you to reflect on how service can be an expression of faith, love, and joyful responsibility.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtOzJ9j_NVU

UU Moment: by Rev. David Schwarz

Children's Religious Education - 10:30 am

Children attending in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour.

This month's theme: Trust

This Week's Joys and Concerns:

Katherine Connor has a joy - she received a trip to Kansas City to see Wanda Sykes and her great grandson, Connor, for her birthday.

Lisa Sanning shares that her aunt, Barbara Miller, passed away on March 17. She was 83 years old and lived in Ridgecrest, California.

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to have read during a service or shared in our weekly email, please submit it by noon on the Friday before through our website: <http://uufjc.org/joys--concerns.html>

We will also have paper forms available Sunday morning for submissions.

Submissions made after noon on Friday may not be read or shared until the following week.

Lunch After Services

Please join us for lunch after the service. This week's lunch is at The Landing Zone (at the airport).

Book Club

The Intergenerational Classical Book Study has chosen the next great read. ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** by Victor Hugo. Next meeting date is April 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm, in the Forum Room in our UU Building. Join them for an invigorating hour of book study.



Caring Committee

Contact Lorraine Connelly at: lauraine329@gmail.com for assistance.

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Blessings Always,

Mary Jo LaCortz

Administrator

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