



Sunday, September 2, 2018

Water Communion

A CENTERING THOUGHT:

*We are living 'neath the great big dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in this stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side*

— from "Swimming to the Other Side", by Pat Humphries

GATHERING MUSIC *O Barquinho (Little Boat)* Menescal / Boscoli / Kaye

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Brooks, Board of Trustees

SOUNDING THE BELL / CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Paige Getty

Our Covenant:

*Strengthened by our common humanity and inspired by our seven principles,
we promise*

*to be a safe and welcoming community,
to nurture each other's hearts and spirits,
to delight in the beauty of our diversity,
to struggle together on our spiritual journeys, and
to challenge each other to live our values.*

*Thus, we pledge our time and vigor to the continuing celebration of spirit, of the
world, and of humankind.*

CHALICE LIGHTING Jen Raffensperger, Youth Director

HYMN #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

WATER COMMUNION The Rev. Paige Getty

COMMUNION MUSIC Wave Antonio Carlos Jobim

SPECIAL MUSIC*Swimming to the Other Side*

Pat Humphries

Kelli Danaker, vocals

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & SILENT MEDITATION**MUSIC MEDITATION***My Ship*

Weill / Gershwin

HOMILY

The Rev. Paige Getty

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC*Beyond the Sea (La Mer)*

Trenet / Lawrence

April Lee, vocals

BLESSING THE WATERS WITH OUR WORDS

DRE: Water flows from high in the mountains.
Water runs deep in the Earth.
Miraculously, water comes to us,
and sustains all life. (Thich Nhat Hanh)

Minister: Water rushes to the land from the sea.
Water covers the Earth.
Miraculously, water comes to us,
and takes life away.

**ALL: We bless this water, honoring its sacred
power to sustain life and to take life away.
Humbly, we say thanks for *all* life.**

BENEDICTION – BLESSING THE WATERS WITH OUR SONG & OUR BODIES

led by Pamela Henry and Robin Slaw, Director of Religious Education

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of love to you. Blessed Be.*

(Gaelic rune / Benjamin)

Music Notes: Music is powerful at painting images and evoking feelings; it's especially adept at communicating the feeling of being near, on, or in water. Today's music includes popular, theater and dance music from the twentieth century, including two fine bossa novas.

AMPLIFICATION DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

Two types are available. One works with a hearing aid; the other works on its own. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of the units. **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Order of Service are also available. Please see an usher if you would like a copy.

Special thanks to all who helped with today's services, especially . . .

Music	Kelli Danaker, vocals; April Lee, vocals. The Chalice HouseBand: John Shea, alto saxophone; Tom Benjamin, tenor saxophone; Tom Monroe, piano; Ken Koontz, bass; Colin Gamble, drums.
Audio	Richard Gates
Set-Up	Alan Coltri
Flowers	Tanya Gamble
Greeters	Margaret Gesell
Ushers	Mark Brooks, Betsy Osterman, Laura Solomon
Snacks	Alan Coltri, Dave Hegmann
Coffee	Dave Hegmann
Take Down	Betsy Osterman
Clean Up	Alan Coltri

REMEMBER: *Special* pulpit announcement requests should be emailed to **Maureen Harris**, Executive Director at executivedirector@uucolumbia.net by **10am the Wednesday before each service.**

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

September 9 (9:00 and 11:00 am) – On **Ingathering Sunday**, our multi-generational services will celebrate September's worship theme, as we consider the question, *What does it mean to be a people of Vision?*

***Bring a potluck dish to share,
and gather after the second service for our ingathering meal!***

September 16 (9:00 and 11:00 am) – The **Reverend Anthony Jenkins** will lead us in a service remembering the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham in September of 1963. Through song and spoken word, we'll reflect upon the fire of that moment – the four young lives extinguished, and the many lives that emerged from the ashes forever transformed.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Sept 2	Sun	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service, RE Classes & Nursery Care Coffee Hour
Sept 3	Mon	Labor Day	UUC and OBIC Closed
Sept 4	Tue	11:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Deep Listening Meditation Group Drum Circle Meditation Group Black Lives Matter Meeting PFLAG Steering Committee Meeting
Sept 5	Wed	10:00 am 7:00 pm	TOPS Meeting Mid-Week Martial Arts
Sept 6	Thurs	9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Monthly Breakfast UUs Flying Solo NAMI Family to Family Class Chalice Choir Rehearsal
Sept 7	Fri	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Martial Arts Turning Circle
Sept 8	Sat	8:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Saturday Morning Reflections (Recovery Group) Religious Education Teacher Training Creativity Circle
Sept 9	Sun	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Worship Service & Nursery Care Coffee Hour Worship Service & Nursery Care Ingathering Potluck Arts Collective Opening Doug Rose Memorial Service Black Lives Matter Vigil

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