



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
MINISTRY FOR EARTH

Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit.

Earth Day Worship 2023
Active for Earthcare

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering

Prelude - “All of Us” by Dana Clark performed by Robbie Pate

Welcome - Rev. Kelly Dignan and Rev. Daniel Lawlor, Co-Directors of UUMFE

Chalice Lighting - “Remembering Our Unity” by Katie Romano Griffin, read
by Lindsay Donnelly- Bullington

Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Petra Thombs

Embodiment: Using Our Senses

Sensing into Place - Rev. Kelly Dignan

Music - “Sense of Life” composed and performed by Rev. Christopher Lamb (Crispy
Watkins)

Meditation for All Ages - Mikaela Caldera

Sensing Reciprocity - Rev. Kelly Dignan

Practicing Generosity

Offertory & Offering Instrumental

“Planetary Prelude” composed and performed by Dennis Yerry

Engagement: Acting for Earthcare

Transgenerational Engagement - Rev. Kelly Dignan

Music - “There is a Home” composed and performed by Rev. Christopher Lamb (Crispy Watkins)

Embodied Practice - Rev. Jen Simon

Going Forth

Closing Words and Benediction - Rev. Kelly Dignan

Extinguishing the Chalice - Lindsay Donnelly-Bullington

Postlude - Reprise of “All of Us”

Presenter Bios

Robbie Pate is a singer and pianist based in Boston, where he completed his music studies at Berklee College of Music & the New England Conservatory. Most notably he has toured internationally in Japan (2022) and in Russia (2018). Robbie is known for incorporating R&B, Jazz and Gospel stylings to his own unique sound. He has performed with artists such as the Zac Brown Band, Patrice Rushen, and the BSO Pops. Robbie is featured on albums with Alexandra James, the Green Line X-Tension and the Matt Savage Groove Experiment. Robbie currently performs all around the New England area from local restaurants/bars, to outdoor concerts and swing dance events during the summer. Robbie currently teaches ensembles at the Berklee College of Music. www.robbyepate.com.

Rev. Daniel Lawlor (he/him) is the Co-Director for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, focused on development and communications. A former middle school teacher in Fall River, MA and development director for after school literacy programs in Oakland, CA, Daniel is a graduate of Brown University and Boston University School of Theology. Daniel is Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley, in Croton on Hudson. Drawing on his family’s example of engaged, religious practice and community work in Rhode Island, Daniel is inspired by caring communities and honored to witness the joys and sorrows in our faith. Daniel and Yumi, his wife, are excited to call New York home.

Rev. Kelly Dignan (she/her) is the Co-Director for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, focused on programs. She has served as minister of three Unitarian Universalist congregations and has a Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology where she is an adjunct instructor teaching UU History. She offers spiritual coaching to individuals and is on the Board of Directors of UU Wellspring. She and her husband, four grown children and one grandchild all live in Denver, Colorado, which is the sacred land of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Nuu-agma-tava-pu (Ute) and Ochéthi Šakówiŋ (Sioux) peoples whose governments and cultures are still alive today. Kelly is passionate about race and class informed environmental

justice centering the leadership of frontline communities and grounding all of it in spiritual practice.

Lindsay Donnelly- Bullington (she/her) is a second-year seminarian at Boston University School of Theology in formation towards Unitarian Universalist ministry. She serves as the Congregational Engagement intern with Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. Her formation is sponsored by her home congregation, First Unitarian Church of Memphis, Church of the River, where she served as Summer Minister in 2022.

Rev. Petra Thombs is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau. She is also serving as the Community Minister for the Ramapough Munsee Lenape Community Center in Mahwah, New Jersey. Petra is of African American, Cherokee, and Caribe Indian heritage. She has been an advocate for the rights of Indigenous peoples and nations. A graduate from Union Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity, having majored in Church History, her focus is addressing the Doctrine of Discovery as it has fostered racism and extreme marginalization for Indigenous nations and communities globally. Prior to coming to Union, Petra retired from her career in the NYC Dept of Education. A lifelong poet, she writes about historical, cultural, religious, and firsthand experiences, expressing the perspectives of marginalized communities. Petra is married to Bernard, has two sons, Benjamin and Matthew, Finn, a grandson, and a cat named Esteban.

Rev. Christopher Lamb (they/them or he/him) is an eco-chaplain, song-leader, and spiritual care practitioner in Fort Collins, CO. They currently serve as Chaplain Supervisor at Poudre Valley hospital, providing multi-faith and belief interdisciplinary spiritual care to staff, patients and families. Their ministry is focused on the intersection of ancestral healing and trauma work, critical ecology, creative beauty-making, and imaginal perception. A lifelong UU from Knoxville, Tennessee, Christopher was raised at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on youth conferences and UU camp culture. This foundation has fed their passion for nature-based ministry, group work, and crafting embodied worship. Christopher earned a Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology. As Crispy Watkins, they write and perform music described as "old-time inspired queer roots music with an ecological devotion and a mystic heart." Their website is: <https://crispywatkins.com/>

Mikaela Caldera (she/they) is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder in Colorado. She was an environmental educator for several years before transitioning to the classroom as a Kindergarten teacher. Mikaela completed the Art of Mentoring and an at-home naturalist program through the Wilderness Awareness School. They believe that when we listen deeply and reverently, we can tap into Earth's infinite wisdom. Mikaela looks forward to sharing in the practice of nature-based meditation with you all. What wonders will we discover?

Dennis Yerry is a Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) composer, musician and founder of The Hawk Project. He was musical director, composer and performer for the American Indian Dance Theatre, the theatrical production of Black Elk Speaks at the Denver Center Theatre (Denver, CO) and the Mark Taper Forum (Los Angeles),

the Native American Day of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine (NYC), and the outdoor drama Unto These Hills (Cherokee, NC). He is featured on the Native American flute in the Ken Burns documentaries, Lewis and Clark and The West. He is also an accomplished jazz composer, arranger and educator and is co-director of the Sitka Jazz Fine Arts Camp (Sitka, AK).

Rev. Jen Simon (they/she) is the minister to the Mountain Top BIPOC UU community, coordinator of CO UUs for Racial Justice, and assistant minister at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO. Jen's calling is to provide space for BIPOC UUs and their families to live into the fullness of their spiritual growth and expression, as well as to provide resources to our UU communities as they do the work of dismantling white supremacy within and without. Jen lives with her partner Damien, son Gabe, 2 dogs, 2 kittens, and a snail. She spends her free time happily trying to keep up with them (except the snail).