Today's Music

Prelude: Run! Run! from Scenas Infantis

Octavio Pinto (Brazil)

Chalice Song: O Brother Fire #1066 v.2 (Traditional Scottish music)

words adapted from St. Francis of Assisi (Papal States, now

the Vatican)

Choir Anthem: Cherish Your Doubt

Elizabeth Alexander (South Carolina, USA)

Musical Meditation: Sakura "Cherry Blooms" (Japanese Folk Song)

Offertory: Spring from The Four Seasons

Antonio Vivaldi (Venice, Italy)

Musical Benediction: T'Fillat Haderech

Debbie Friedman (Minnesota, USA)

T'Fillat Haderech



First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Interim Minster Todd Ballou, Music Director Gwen Foss, Cantor

Today's Flowers have been donated in memory of Cara Ann Washington – Sister Sharon Mills.

Today's Ushers: John Angry Bill McKnight Ed Collins Edie McKnight

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers. **CD recordings** of today's service will be available for \$5 from our sound technician in McCollester Hall after the service.

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"Begin Again"
Rev. Roger Mohr



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness Love Courageously

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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together*

Welcome - Dan Wiest, Trustee of the Week

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #1067 Mother Earth, Beloved Garden (see insert)

DEEPENING

Silence and Prayer

Musical Meditation

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #63 Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers

Benediction*

Musical Benediction

Recessional

Congregation may exit to McCollester Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Opening Hymn: Mother Earth, Beloved Garden #1067 words and music by Amanda Udis-Kessler (Colorado Springs, CO)

- 1. Mother Earth, beloved garden, living treasure under foot, All our days you ground our being: sage and thistle, grass and root. Herbs to heal us, plants to feed us, land to till and tend and plow. With the pendant, deep as midnight, North we ask you: be here now.
- 2. Father Air, your inspiration holds together all that lives. As we breathe, our minds see clearly, leading us to love and give. Raging whirlwind, whispered breezes, violent gale and gentle cloud. With the blade as sharp as morning, East we ask you: be here now.
- 3. Brother Fire, great transformer, share the passion of the sun. In our hearths, your warmth revives us, cooks our food and heats our homes. Flaming candle, blood within us, blazing desert, will to grow. With the wand, directing power, South we ask you: be here now.
- 4. Sister Water, ever flowing, ocean, river, pond and rain. Drink we now and quench our thirsting, cleanse us, we begin again. Mist and ice, a host of changes, all that courage will allow. With the cup, the holy chalice, West we ask you, be here now.
- 5. Lover Spirit, intuition in the center of our souls. In your love we find relation. All connected, we are whole. Timeless mystery, quiet conscience, deepest values, voice inside. With the drum and with the cauldron, this we ask you, be our guide.

Edelweiss from "The Sound of Music" (American Tune about the Austrian Flower)

words by Oscar Hammerstein, Music by Richard Rodgers

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Ev'ry morning you greet me.

Small and white, clean and bright, you look happy to see me.

Blossom of snow, may you bloom and grow, Bloom and grow forever.

Eldelweiss, Edelweiss, Bless my homeland forever. (Repeat)

Siph' Amandla #172 (South Africa/Zulu)

- 1 O God, give us power to rip down prisons. O God, give us power to lift the people.
- 2 O God, give us courage to withstand hatred. O God, give us courage not to be bitter.
- 3 O God, give us power and make us fearless. O God, give us power because we need it.
- 4. Siph' a-man-dla N'ko-si. Wo-kung-every-sa-bi. Siph' a-man-dla N'ko-si. Si-ya-wa-ding-a.

If Every Woman in the World #1026

words & music by Karen MacKay and Nancy Nordlie (SE Michigan)

- 1. If ev'ry woman in the world had her mind set on freedom, if ev'ry woman in the world dreamed a sweet dream of peace, if ev'ry woman of ev'ry nation, young and old, each generation, held her hands out in the name of love, there would be no more war.
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- 3. If ev'ry leader in the world shared a vision, if ev'ry leader in the world shared a sweet dream of peace, if ev'ry leader of ev'ry nation, young and old, each generation, worked for justice and liberation, holding hands out in the name of love, there would be no more war.
- 4. If ev'ry nation in the world set a true course for freedom, if ev'ry nation raised its children in a culture of peace, if all our sons and all our daughters reached in friendship across the waters, refusing to be enemies, there would be no more war.

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