

Rev. Louise Green and Lama Cynthia Jurs

Earth Offering

On this weekend honoring Earth Day, we get curious about an ancient Tibetan Buddhist ritual burying clay pots filled with prayers and intentions for the healing of Gaia. Guest Buddhist teacher Lama Cynthia Jurs leads us in meditation, and will stay after service for a book signing. Her new work, *Summoned by Earth*, tells the story of her calling over three decades with Earth Treasure Vases now planted around the world. A visiting pilgrimage group will offer a labyrinth for walking after worship in Pierce Hall.

Join us for this hybrid, ASL interpreted worship service! Stay afterward for coffee hour in Pierce Hall or visit with the Connecting Souls for social time on the same Zoom link!

All are invited forward to light candles of joys and concerns before the service.

If you are joining us virtually, please light a candle in your home or share in the Zoom chat.

*We yearn for justice and compassion and for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.
We toll our Revere Bell for peace throughout the Middle East and for every war-torn region.*

Today's musicians: Children's Choir, Junior Choir, All Souls Choir, Angela Powell Walker and Keith Arnold, directors. Dante Walker, piano; Topher Dunne, bass; Keith Butler, drums, John Lee, guitar; David Burrows, soprano saxophone.

Prelude

Canticle of Brother Sun, from Missa Gaia
Paul Winter; text by St. Francis

All Souls Choir
& Junior Choir

Note: Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)* is a contemporary celebration of nature and the earth. *Canticle of Brother Sun* features text by St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of animals and the natural world.

All praise be yours through Brother Sun,
All praise be yours through Sister Moon.
By Mother Earth my Lord be praised,
By Brother Mountain, Sister Sea.
Through Brother Wind and Brother Air,
Through Sister Water, Brother Fire;
The stars above give thanks to thee;
All praise to those who live in peace.

All praise be yours through Brother Wolf,
All praise be yours through Sister Whale.
By Nature's song my Lord be praised,
By Brother Eagle, Sister Loon.
Through Brother Tiger, Sister Sea,
Through Sister Flower, Brother Tree.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee;
All praise to those who live in peace.

Ask of the beasts and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

Ask of the trees and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

Ask of the winds and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

Ask of the flowers and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

**Congregation: For the beauty of the earth,
Sing, O sing today.**

**Of the sky and of our birth,
Sing, O sing always.**

**Nature, human and divine,
All around us lies.**

**Source of all to thee we raise
Grateful hymns of praise.**

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Rev. Louise Green

Hymn 163

For the Earth Forever Turning

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

John Mathews, Worship Associate

Anthem

Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms,
 In fields, mountains and villages
 As far as the eye can see.
 Is it mist, or clouds?
 Fragrant in the rising sun.
 Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms,
 Flowers in full bloom.

Sakura

Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms,
 Across the spring sky,
 As far as the eye can see.
 Is it mist, or clouds?
 Fragrant in the air.
 Come now, come now,
 Let's go and see them.

Children's Choir

Announcements, Congregational Care, & Prayer

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Hymn 123

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mi
 Y al corazón cántale tu compasión
 Sopla al volar, sube en la mar
 Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida
 Arráigame, libérame
 Fuente de amor, ven a mi, ven a mi

Spirit of Life

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.

Moment of Silence

Offering

Each month, All Souls' Share-the-Plate Collection contributes 50% of all non-pledge gifts to important organizations (usually local, but occasionally located elsewhere). In April, we are sharing donations with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC; www.uusc.org). Grounded in UU values, the UUSC focuses its work on intersecting roots of injustice to defend rights at risk due to criminalization and systemic oppression of people based on their identity. They support self-determination and defend the rights of people displaced due to climate, conflict, or economic hardships; and respond to humanitarian crises as partners with people whose access to aid is most limited.

**Scan the QR code to make a gift for today's plate collection
 or text "ascu" to 73256 to make a digital donation today!**



John Mathews

Offertory

Agnus Dei, from Missa Gaia
 Paul Winter; text from the Latin Mass

Note: From the Latin Mass, this song, which includes the sounds of harp seals, requests mercy and peace.

Reflection

Rev. Green

Meditation

Earth Treasure Vase Meditation

Lama Cynthia Jurs

Hymn

Filled with Loving Kindness

May I be filled with loving kindness,
 may I be well,
 May I be filled with loving kindness,
 may I be well,
 May I be peaceful and at ease,
 may I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness,
 may you be well,
 May you be filled with loving kindness,
 may you be well,
 May you be peaceful and at ease,
 may you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness,
 may we be well,
 May we be filled with loving kindness,
 may we be well,
 May we be peaceful and at ease,
 may we be whole.

Benediction

Rev. Green

Benediction in Music

Let Us Depart in Peace, from Missa Gaia
 Paul Winter



Are You Ready to Get into Good Trouble—with Your Neighbors? Voter Mobilization Teams Forming Now! Sat., Apr. 27 | All Souls

You have an opportunity to join with your Geogroup neighbors in Get-Out-The-Vote work for this year's elections. Plan to attend the Voter Mobilization Organizing School event at All Souls on April 27.

Organizing School is a chance to gather in person for spiritual grounding, relationship building, and skills training, – all towards the goal of engaging as many people as possible in the 2024 election.

The Reeb Project for Voting Rights is organizing the event in collaboration with our two partners – UUs for Social Justice (UUSJ) and UU the Vote, with experts from the League of Women Voters. We are inviting teams from 50 UU congregations within the DMV.

Come yourself or with your Geogroup neighbors.

The goal for each Geogroup Voter Team is to coordinate with the Reeb Project and develop Get-Out-The-Vote activities during the coming year that involve members of each Geogroup.

What a great way to get into good trouble with your All Souls neighbors!

If you'd like to find out more about joining a 2 or 3 person Voter Team from your Geogroup to attend Organizing School and start planning voter mobilization activities for your group, contact: ReebVotingRights@allsouls.ws.

You can also stop by the Organizing School table in the Reeb Lobby after Sunday service. Look for the poster that says: "Ready to Get Into Good Trouble?"

**For registration links and more information,
go to [all-souls.org/social-justice/
reeb-voting-rights-project](https://all-souls.org/social-justice/reeb-voting-rights-project)**

Board of Trustees Budget Meeting Apr. 24 | 7:00 pm | Eaton Room & Zoom

The Board of Trustees will meet to develop a draft budget for the 2024-2025 church year. The meeting will be in person in the Eaton Room; a Zoom link will also be provided on the church calendar. Congregants are welcome to observe board meetings either in person or online.

We are looking at some tough budget decisions for the next church year, but you can help by submitting your annual giving pledge today (all-souls.org/donate)! The board will base its budget recommendations on the pledges received by April 24 to make gifts during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Budget Calendar

- Wednesday., Apr. 24, 7 pm, Eaton Room and Zoom - Board of Trustees meeting to develop draft budget
- Wed, May 1, 7 pm, Zoom - Budget Hearing (bring your questions!)
- Wed., May 15, 7 pm, Zoom - Board of Trustees meeting to vote on final recommended budget
- Sun., June 2, 1 pm, Sanctuary and Zoom - Annual Meeting where the congregation will vote on a final budget

Welcome to All Souls! First time here? We're happy to see you! Ushers (with teal stoles) can answer your questions, or visit the front desk. Come to the Welcoming Corner during coffee hour and use a red mug or cup so we know you're new and can say hi! The nursery welcomes children 4 and under (listening devices are available for parents), and religious education classes are open for children 5 and up! Assisted listening devices are available at the front desk, and closed captioning is available for our Zoom congregation. This service will be streamed on Zoom, recorded, and posted on our website. Some pew seating will be visible in the video.

Upcoming Events

Freedom Seder

Wed., April 24, 2024 | 6:00 pm |
Washington Hebrew Congregation

We are thinking of all Jewish peoples who begin Passover this week. All Souls has often created an interfaith Seder based on freedom and justice for all peoples. This year we are recommending the Freedom Seder offered by Washington Hebrew Congregation. Join Rev. Louise and other All Souls congregants at this community building interfaith event. learn more and buy tickets at whctemple.org/event/freedom-seder-2.



Core Connections

Do UUs Pray?

Begins April 25, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Zoom

Do you? What does prayer mean? Does it matter to whom or what you pray? As UUs, we come together with more questions than answers. If you have a prayer practice or wonder whether prayer might have a place in your life, you're welcome in this small group where we will reflect on our own history with prayer and talk about the many forms that prayer can take.

This class is limited to 12 and will meet on Zoom (the link will be provided to registrants via email after registration) for three consecutive Thursdays, 7– 8:30 pm, beginning April 25, 2024. **Register on the church website calendar.**

Philosophical Souls: Solidarity

April 24, 2024 | 6:30-8:30 pm |
Eaton Room

Serious conflicts abroad (and at home) call us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer. How do we do so without reinforcing the conflicts? How do we balance solidarity with criticism and accountability? What to do when our loved ones hold a conflicting solidarity? What larger commitments reside beyond solidarity? Join us for these and your questions! Please arrive around 6:30-6:45pm - discussion starts promptly at 7:00 and ends at 8:30 pm - and bring a snack to share if you can!



Vespers

Vespers

May 8, 2024 | 7:30 pm | Hybrid

Please join us in-person or online for our Vespers service this month! Our Vespers worship service is modeled after the traditional Taizé worship service, which uses silence, scripture, prayer, and repetitive singing of short chants and rounds to quiet the mind and promote deep meditation.

The Taizé Community promotes peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Followed by a time for community gathering. Every second Wednesday of the month. **See the church website calendar for the Zoom link.**



Hope Rises

For over 200 years, All Souls has stood tall as a progressive religious center from which movements for justice and liberation have helped shape DC, Unitarian Universalism, and the nation. It is a place of acceptance, inspiration and joy. All Souls is a beacon in the community, a place where Hope Rises, and it needs urgent repair.

Now is the time to make your pledges of financial support for the coming year and to the capital campaign to raise funds for long-delayed repairs to our church building. You can learn more at all-souls.org/donate/hope-rises.

Volunteer stewards, fellow congregants, are reaching out to many families to talk about All Souls and to ask for your support. Pledge cards have been mailed out and are in the pew racks as well. You can also go to the website to make your pledges of support.

Please make your pledge now to keep Hope Rising at All Souls.