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"Seeking...Sharing...Soaring"

Rose Anne Gossard Rock Garden

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Sunday Morning Service
10:30 a.m. March 24

"Palm to Palm"

Since the late 19th/ early 20th c. in Palm Sunday in the Christian tradition, it is customary for many of Jesus entering Jerusalem to be celebrated by people waving palm branches and shouting, accompanied by the power of love, to welcome the Prince of Peace. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter, the day before the Roman Empire (and often still in our world today), US capital punishment, torture, and war crimes ruled the day. Jesus, a Jew, and a politically contrarian rabbi, was executed, and there are no other accounts of his life and teachings than the Bible.

Reverend Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, Pulpit Guest
Lauren Kelliher, Worship Associate
Sam Moffett, Music Director
USH Choir

Reverend Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, Pulpit Guest

Rev. Jocelyn Lambert Spencer serves as Lead Organizer with the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Network (GHIAN), a multi-faith, multi-generational justice coalition and is building a community organizing practice that brings together people of race, religion, geography, sexuality, socioeconomic status, and ability. She is also a Lead Minister at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Manchester, where she has served since 2016. She is a member of the Massachusetts and Connecticut for a Green Local Deliver, Connecticut Working for Jobs, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, Collaborative to Restore Civil Rights, and Connecticut Voices for Children. She has been a speaker, trainer, facilitator, and organizer for workshops, trainings in local churches, at regional workshops, and for denominational staff.

Matters of the Heart
To have a chat in person or to participate in Sunday morning, a visit Matters of the Heart

Or, if you prefer to participate in Matters of the Heart via Zoom meeting, "Heart prayer" contact information

Sunday Morning Deadline: 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Jocelyn Spencer, Ed Gustafson

Can't be here in person for worship?
Worship is also on Zoom
Meeting ID: 428 8888 7878
Passcode: 12Sep

Virtual Coffee Hour Before Via Zoom

Worship is also streamed on Facebook
Follow Unitarian Society of Hartford on Facebook

Could it cause U to GIVE, and spread the Everyone?
Watch our service, sermons, here on Vimeo.

Worship Calendar
March 2024 - June 2024

Upcoming Sermons:

March 31 - "Does To Love Everything?" Easter - Reverend Ken Gossard, Worship Associate

April 7 - "The Transient and the Permanent"- RE Focused Service - Reverend Jocelyn Michael Rose, Worship Associate, Rev. Nancy Grant Sargent

April 14 - "Seeking...Sharing...Soaring", Margaret Lotzich, Michael Rose, Rev. Nancy Grant Sargent, Worship Associate

April 21 - "Bull Lore and Scriptures: Where do we make sense?" Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, pulpit guest, Margaret Lotzich, Worship Associate

Thoughts From Rev. Bob...

We're in uncertain times, what is an old Unitarian Universalist to do? Well, I guess I'm not the place to ask. I'm not sure I'm a good person to ask. I'm not sure I'm a good Unitarian Universalist — whatever the amount, it is grossly inadequate. I'm not sure I'm a good minister. I'm not sure I'm a good human being. I'm not sure I'm a good husband. I'm not sure I'm a good father. I'm not sure I'm a good friend. Pick the Judas. Have no enough years. Be the belief will I hope I'd do it. I'm not sure I'm a good person. I'm not sure I'm a good organizer. Thank you I would ring for an organ lady, some of that I'm not sure I'm a good person. I'm not sure I'm.

Gratefully yours,
Rev. Bob

USH News

March = Stewardship

Through last Sunday, March 17, USH received pledges totaling $[illegible] from [illegible] members and friends. We are grateful for these generous pledges. Our current goal for the year is $[illegible]. We choose to increase our pledge. We think USH is doing and — We believe in its future.

I agree, USH, Bob Bob and the supports of all of you USH is **amazing**.

But, we can only seek **more** if we get the remaining pledge forms to the next couple of weeks. If we don't get the pledge forms by the end of March, we will not be able to plan our budget, make our offers at this or that, or announce one, and a pledge package will be sent to you.

Jim Tomsenson, Finance Chair

UCA Article II Revision Resource Recommendation

Do you have, or remember, a nearby seven information short videos about Unitarian Universalism? Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws?

Go to the **uuarticle2revisionfy24.org** website and find "Continuing Conversations: Let's Bring the Faith" (or search Rosh Hilo on YouTube).

— Sue Dendall, Worship Associate Coordinator

Spring Cleaning — Saturday, April 6

Come make a difference in our Meditation Rooms of Spring!

Our goals are to clean surfaces to pay for our Meditation Rooms and make place-filling door posts. Bring cleaning supplies.

Come for all or part of 9:30 - 1:30
Contact Jocelyn Lambert Spencer or Ed Gustafson
Questions: ushartfdmatters@gmail.com

Another "Souper" Week!

"Souper soup week!" I used to drive my daughter crazy with that line — she'd ask me how the concert was & I'd always say it was the best souper bowl we've ever had! Well, it's souper soup week at USH! Have a grab-more today with our chapter! Discovered some hearty & delicious soups last year, so we'll be doing it again this year.

One of the kids informed me that the bowl was named after a legendary 19th century Irish, working woman, who would feed the skeletons out of mess in her bowls — Mary Mulligan! Historians said she was a great cook, but she was also a great spy for the Irish Rebels (again is grammy). Those kids are a little of a lark. We actually have a Mary Mulligan bowl, which I'm souper sure we'll be using. Souper pottery delivered to soup kitchens. It pulses with Irish soul, I might add. Souper soup, be proud of them. Thank for the souper! —Bob Bergman

Meeting House Notes

In the service on March 3, our Flower Guru Bob Bergman brought in the beautiful plant shown, which he had grown from a cutting. He gave a demonstration, profiling him and his work in the and showed some pots of the plant he had created. Bob's work is featured in the Hartford Flower Show.

This doesn't mention of an hour of worship with Bob ever, and, but the resolutions were his artistic approach inspiring for use of natural materials and creative expression. Thanks to Bob for his talents.

While watching this beautiful video (with its one piece in this magazine mentioned, I felt so we lucky to be admiring the upward sweep of the plant, the intricate design of the pots, and the Bob Bergman in action. Bob's work is inspiring.

How to click to this youtube video or click the video below:

Spring Chair Dates

March 24
April 14 and 28
May 12 and 26
June 9 and 23

Interested Contact Sam at sam@ushartford.uus.org or (860) 371-8884.

USH Gatherings

For information on our weekly and monthly gatherings, click here.

Twilight Fire Circle Ontario Celebration

Sunday, March 24
Gathering begins at 5:30 p.m.

Join us in celebration of the magic of Bread! will be followed by a potluck Dinner. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share. Bring your own beverage and a chair for the celebration.

We will be celebrating Ostarmi of Ostara of the goddess the Roman Goddess Ostara, the Germanic goddess Ostara, the Celtic goddess Ostara, Mt. Vesuvius in Amsterdam Rome, who are Ostara Ostarmi, Ostara Ostarmi, Ostara Ostarmi.

Everyone will be spent hard to reference to our celebration. If all you can bring is yourself - Rose - is more to be? Bring your friends!

Continuing Our Conversation With UCA Actions Due USA

Beginning changes in the UCA Bylaws Article II will substantially alter Unitarian Universalism, affecting all of our lives. Our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is hard at work on a plan. We can talk and share at the Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, or at a special gathering, or at a Zoom meeting. Share the issues, link with other UCA actions minutes. Organize to write down our thoughts and feelings, and share our conversations with the UCA.

On a **Virtual Conversation**, You'll find the Tracks So that was hold here or at the Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas to a Spiritual Tracks Ed Gustafson to lead. Share the link with your friends and family. Bring your friends and family to the Coffee Hour to discuss the important decisions.

On **Sunday, March 24,** after the service, Judy Robbins will be under the direction of Ed Gustafson to lead a discussion of the Bylaws Article II revision.

Spirit Sat Meets March 30
Alphabetical Order

Gratefully presents that Jesus's Spirit Sat meets once a month, and it's a separate camp, that everything arises from and goes to Gustafson's Conference. This is a radically affirmed way of processing the world and people who it. It is always a time of deep connection and sharing. Spirit Sat is a time for reflection and mutual support and Bob Pacha is a kind organizer.

Spiritual Teacher Valerie Barrett, a former monk, is offering a spring series of Spirit Sat meetings, beginning on March 30 and continuing on the last Saturday of each month. Valerie is a Buddhist teacher who has been a practitioner for many years and has been a teacher for over 20 years. Valerie's teaching is rooted in Buddhist practice, but her teaching is engaged. For more information and the times of all spring sessions, see Valerie's **www.valerieb.net** site.

Social Justice

March GNO: The Village

The Village for Families and Children invites our Good Neighbor Offering for the month of March. The Village begins as an exchange in Albany. To this day, the Village's mission is to strengthen families and children in Hartford and are adapted through The Village. The Village, Inc. is a Hartford-based, multi-service agency that has been serving families and children since 1848.

This focus is community can be seen in many of the programs offered by The Village. The Village partners with Hartford Public Schools to provide a School Based Health Center, a Family Resource Center, a Parent Leadership Training center, and in Hartford, Meriden, Manchester, and Middletown, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Promotion programs. The Village also provides Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and a Parent Leadership Training center, and in Hartford Center.

There are only some of the programs offered by The Village for Families and Children. The Village is a community resource, and the Village is a community and is for The Village.

The Village has expanded its physical presence and was from their campuses in Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, and Manchester. The Village is located at the Old Dutch Boys Building, 250 Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford, and The Village is a community and is for The Village.

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CENTER for LEADERSHIP & JUSTICE
Hartford Seminary

GHIAN (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Network)
Hartford Seminary

You are invited!

Please mark your calendars! Interfaith Action Network's annual Spring Assembly will be on Sunday, April 28 from 3-5 pm. Our theme is "Hope Rising: Our Faith in Action" and we will celebrate our accomplishments, hear about things we've been working on, and be motivated to make positive change. We hold connections among leaders and members of our congregations.

GHIAN is holding a House Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. along with the CT-CIRCLE congregations. Please contact Rev. Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, Ed Gustafson, Bob Pacha, Judy Robbins, and Valerie Barrett.

If you prefer another date or location, see the Home Meeting schedule below. Please let us know.
Register for a meeting here.

Sunday, April 7, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Hartford Friends Meeting in West Hartford (on Sunland and Prospect)

Sunday, April 14, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Congregation of the Hills Lutheran Church in Bloomfield (corner of Cottage Grove and Bloomfield Avenue)

Sunday, April 21, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Zoom (co-hosted by Pilgrim and Hartford Friends Meeting)

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. at Unitarian Church of West Hartford (Corner of Farmington Avenue and Quaker Lane, Hartford Congregational Church)

Sunday, April 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at First Church of Christ in West Hartford (Corner of Farmington Avenue and Westerly Terrace, Hartford Congregational Church)

Monday, April 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ in Glastonbury (Corner of Hebron Avenue and Glastonbury Boulevard, Hartford Congregational Church)

THE SUN OF US
Free Zoom Discussion Series: Sundays, March 24 - April 28
Stories of Hope: Collaboration & Stronger Communities
Hosted by Interfaith Action Network (IAN)
Sundays, March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Discussion will be led by Rev. Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, Rev. Bob Pacha, Rev. Valerie Barrett, Rev. Ed Gustafson, Rev. Judy Robbins, Rev. Rose Ann Gossard, Rev. Nancy Grant Sargent, Rev. Jim Tomsenson, Rev. Bob Bergman, Rev. Sue Dendall, Rev. Ken Gossard, Rev. Michael Rose, Rev. Jocelyn Michael Rose, Rev. Jocelyn Lambert Spencer, Rev. Kim Lotzich, Rev. Ed Gustafson, Rev. Judy Robbins, Rev. Valerie Barrett