

Upcoming Worship Focus—January 16, 2022

Complexity, Cohesion and an almost Unitarian Rabbi

Rev. Leah Ongiri

Unitarian Universalism has long included people who come from more than one religious identity or tradition, but these stories sometimes get left out. In the 1800s, Rabbi Sonneschein said that Unitarianism and Reform Judaism varied “only in the shading.” He’s an important piece of our UU legacy, yet few of us know about this complicated hero. How does his story help us be together now, in a world and faith movement with so many diverse backgrounds and identities?

Rev. Leah Ongiri is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist who grew up at First Unitarian Church in Portland, Oregon. She has been a child, member, lay leader, staff member, and/or minister at UU congregations in Oregon, Washington, California, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Florida and, where she currently serves, the UU Fellowship of Durango, Colorado. She received her undergraduate degree in political economy from Evergreen State College in Washington State and her Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Starr King School for the Ministry, a UU graduate theological school in California. She co-edited the Skinner House book *Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism* and is a past president of UUs for Jewish Awareness. Leah and her spouse Amy have four children and a tuxedo cat. She recently relocated to her Portland hometown and is thrilled to have been invited to share this service with the Hillsboro UU community.

Our Minister and Staff

Interim Minister: Reverend Ben Robins

Community Minister Emerita: Reverend Sue Ayer

Music Director: Raymond Elliott

Accompanist: Ingrid Unterseher

RE Coordinator: Christine Hinderer



Thank you to today's Worship leaders:

Minister: Rev. Ben Robins

Music Director: Raymond Elliott

Accompanist: Ingrid Unterseher

Worship Leader: Diane Larson

Zoom Hosts: Cynthia Pixley and Sara Bly

Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County

Hillsboro, Oregon

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Virtual Service

<https://zoom.us/j/4312377276>



UCCWC Vision Statement

A welcoming, liberal religious community
where we care for and encourage each other to

Free the Mind

Grow the Spirit

Reach out to the World

Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:00 am

Gathering Music Ingrid Unterseher

Gathering

Singing Bowl Diane Larson

Congregational Life Diane Larson

Opening Hymn #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

Welcome Verse Jenn Crowell and Mike Luevane

Nurturing Our Community

Chalice Lighting *On the Brink of a New Year*, by Lois Van Leer
Susan Allan

Call to Worship Rev. Ben Robins

Chalice Hymn #123 *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.*

Joys and Concerns Diane Larson

Time for All Ages *Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!*, by Cori Doerrfeld
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Christine Hinderer

Exploring

Reflection *A Goodbye in Every Hello*, by Tricia Brennan
Diane Larson

Sermon Carrying Forth, Letting Go
Rev. Ben Robins

Reflective Music Ingrid Unterseher

Returning

Offering Words Diane Larson

Closing Hymn #108 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!*

Chalice Extinguishing Susan Allan

Benediction Rev. Ben Robins

Invitation to Fellowship Diane Larson