**Welcome & Opening Words**

**Prelude**: The Sweetest of Dreams -- composed by Melody Bober

**Chalice Lighting** Words by Jo VonRue

We light this chalice knowing that liberation of oneself is about loving that which is deep inside, may the flame of both fear and confidence abide in harmony within each of us as we work toward the liberation of our own hearts and minds.

**Morning Song** Sung in unison. Please rise in body or spirit.

From all that dwells below the skies,

Let songs of hope and joy arise,

Let peace, good will, on earth be sung,

In all the land, by every tongue.

**Opening Affirmation** Spoken in unison. Please rise in body or spirit.

Blessed be this time together

as people of the church universal,

diverse in our searchings,

but united by a common bond

of love and acceptance.

We give thanks today

for the interconnected web of life,

the holiness of the ordinary,

the sacredness of each day,

the power of love to overcome hatred,

and the guiding spirit of truth which never deserts us.

We have been brought together

as people of the open covenant,

to care for each other and the world

and for a purpose that transcends

even our own understanding.

Rev. Dr. John Morgan, 1991 (adapted)

**Expression of Joys and Concerns**

(Light a Candle or Drop Shells into Water)

**First Hymn:** #346 - Come Sing a Song With Me

Please rise in body or spirit.

**Time for All Ages**

**Antiphonal Reading by Jean M. Olson**   
 **Go Boldly**

May you be brave enough to expose  
your aching woundedness  
and reveal your vulnerability.

***May you speak your deepest truths,  
knowing that they will change as you do.***

May you sing the music within you,  
composing your own melody,  
playing your song with all your heart.

***May you draw, paint, sculpt, and sew,  
showing the world your vision.***

May you write letters, poetry, biography,  
slogans, graffiti, the great novel,  
laying bare your words to love and hate.

***May you love even though your heart  
breaks again and again.***

And until the end of your days,  
may your life be filled  
with possibilities and courage.

**Offertory:** Daybreak in Dublin -- composed by Melody Bober

One half of today’s non-pledge collection will go to the NEPA Rainbow Alliance. Their mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for LGBTQA individuals and families while working for fairness and equality. Follow on FACEBOOK for events, and volunteer opportunities. You can also contact Kennie Harr at [(570) 283-4291](tel:%28570%29%20283-4291), [kennie.harr@verizon.net](mailto:kennie.harr@verizon.net)

**Spoken Meditation followed by a moment of silence and hymn**

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** #391 - Voice Still and Small

*(please remain seated*

**Sermon:** Title A Pocket, Full of Liberation Speaker Jo VonRue

**Part One:** Eve After the Fall

**Reading**: Autobiography of Eve by Ansel Elkins

**Part Two:** The Liberation of Eve

**Reading**: “If We Do Not Venture Out” by Marni Harmony (adapted)

**Part Three:** The Eve in Each of Us

**Hymn:** #298 - Wake, Now, My Senses

**Chalice Extinguishing** Spoken in Unison. Please rise in body or spirit.

In things essential, unity.

In things circumstantial, liberty.

In things yet to be, courage.

And in all things, wisdom.

**Benediction** “The Hand in Yours” by Erika Hewitt

**Postlude:** To Catch A Dream -- composed by Martha Mier

**Congregational Announcements**

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments.*

**“Our mission** is to provide a welcoming and supportive community which values and embraces diversity, seeks peace and justice through social action, and nurtures lifelong spiritual growth for ourselves and others.” (See page x of your hymnal for the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements are available in the vestibule.

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