

Order of Service

July 25, 2010
Morita Marmo
Director of Music: Tom Sherwood
Keyboardist: Audrey Causilla

Ingathering Morning Has Broken

Welcome

Prelude Air on a G String (traditional, arr. Bach)

Opening Words from “High Tide in Tucson” (Kingsolver)

Lighting the Chalice

*Chalice, chalice burning bright
Help remind us with your light
Of how we'd like to live each day
With love and truth helping lead the way*

Children's Time

Singing the Children to Class (Dot Christenson)

*You bring us hope and help to see
Our future world that's yet to be
You teach us much as years go by
You are our strength, our joy, our pride*

Hymn #94 “What is Life?”

Joys and Sorrows

Candle Lighting 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*

Reading from “Eat, Pray, Love”

Offertory Cancion de Luna (Moon Song) (Lecuona)

Sermon “Stop, Look, Listen” Morita Marmo

Closing Hymn #112 “Do You Hear?”

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Morning Glories (Alexander)

Worship Welcomer: Bev Baker
Greeters: Ron Althaus and Sondra Ouzts
Ushers: Lyn Martin and Martha Walker

All visitors are invited to join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments. Please stay, meet some new friends, and learn about all the things going on at First Church. **To receive a few issues of our newsletter,** fill out a visitor information card at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Greeters will be at the counter to answer your questions.

Religious Education classes end at 11:15 a.m. Please pick up your children, 5th grade and younger, in their RE classrooms. Youth, 6th grade and older, will join you in coffee hour once lessons are complete.

Announcements

Meet the Minister— Rev. Sharon Dittmar will hold her next “Meet the Minister” session after the service on Sunday, August 15, from 11:15 a.m. –12:15 p.m. This is a great opportunity for visitors to learn about Unitarian Universalism and First Church. Sharon will give a brief introduction to our faith and answer any questions you may have. If you need childcare, make reservations with Linda Miltner at 513.661.6993 or lamiltner@gmail.com by Wed., Aug. 11.

Are You Ready to Become a Member? The next opportunity to sign our membership book will be at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 22 (after the 10 a.m. service). You need to have attended a “Meet the Minister” session or taken part in a “New U” Orientation first. Contact Linda Miltner (513.661.6993, lamiltner@gmail.com) no later than Wed., August 18 to make arrangements. The next signing date will be on September 19.

Announcements

Annual Reports Are Due—Committees, please submit your annual reports to Office Administrator Chris Herb no later than August 15.—*Chris Herb (administrator@firstuu.com; 513.281.1564)*

September Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 19 after the second service, at 12:15. Please bring a finger-food snack to share with all. There will be child care and child entertainment.

School Supplies for Project Nehemiah — First Church is helping the Avondale Church of the Living God Project Nehemiah collect school supplies for children for whom school supplies are an extravagant expense. Last year Project Nehemiah distributed items to 900 city children. We will be collecting pencils, paper and other school supplies beginning this Sunday, and continuing through July 25. Look for the school supply bin in the vestibule. Thank you for your help.

—*Katie Campbell for the Social Justice Committee*

Book Discussion, Monday, August 23 — “The House at Sugar Beach,” by NY Times diplomatic correspondent, Helene Cooper, has been chosen for our summer book discussion. Laurie Rivers will facilitate. Last month, several of us viewed the documentary about the courageous women of Liberia whose protest against the cruel and corrupt Taylor regime eventually precipitated the coup d’état. Cooper, a descendent of one of the founding families who developed Liberia in the 1800's, vividly portrays the early settlement of Liberia, her childhood years prior to the violent uprisings of 1980 that ravaged the country and its inhabitants, and finally, her family's exile and narrow escape to America. The Cincinnati Public Library has a number of copies of the book. I can also provide a few paperbacks for purchase if there is a call for them. *RSVP to Joy Haupt (joyhaupt@fuse.net; 221-7726).*

The directory photo shoot is less than a month away! If you haven't registered for the free sitting, please do so SOON so everyone can be included in the new directory. You can register online through the link on the First Church homepage, or contact Jo Ellen or Jody Johnson for assistance. Out of town August 17-21? Unfortunately, Lifetouch no longer has access to the photo they took three years ago. However, Jo and Jody now have alternate photo shoot times and locations that are available to you and your family. Please contact one of them for this information.—*Jo Ellen (joellen@fuse.net; 513-328-0866) and Jody Johnson (jody.johnson@insightbb.com; 859-992-5836)*

Until September 12, you may sign up to provide flowers from your home garden. If you prefer to order flowers, you may reach Kreutzer & Dorl at 859-261-1050, or work with your favorite florist. Providing flowers for the Sunday service beautifies our sanctuary and gives you the opportunity to recognize an important person or date in your life. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to bring in one non-perishable food item or personal hygiene product each Sunday. All items are delivered weekly to the Shiloh Church Food Pantry in Avondale. Let's get into the weekly habit of bringing in one item to help the needy right here in our neighborhood.