

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 30, 2006
10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Amy Krings, Community Police Partnering Center and the
Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)

Service Leader: Mary Jean Pierson, Worship Committee of the
Northern Hills Fellowship

Guest Artist: Ken Seitzer, violin

Pianist: Rachel Kramer, Associate Director of Music, St. John's Unitarian
Universalist Church

INGATHERING MUSIC "A Summer Walk"
Larry Minsky

WELCOME Alice Schneider

PRELUDE "More Love, More Power"
Jude Del Hierro
Arranged by Phillip Keveren

OPENING WORDS "Prayer of Affirmation"
Anonymous

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICES Barbara Hadden of St. John's
Alice Schneider of First Church

OPENING HYMN #318 "We Would Be One"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

(In keeping with First Church tradition, we will not be lighting candles this morning, but instead simply opening our ears and our hearts to listen to one another. So that everyone who would like to speak has the chance to do so, please keep your comments as brief as possible.)

SILENT PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Pastorale"
Elizabeth Haskins

(This piece was commissioned by St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church in celebration of Rachel Kramer's 10th year anniversary at St. John's.)

RESPONSIVE READING

Rabindranath Tagore

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers,
But to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain,
But for the heart to conquer it.

Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield,
But to find my own strength.

Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved,
But hope for the patience to win my freedom.

Grant me that I may not be a coward,
feeling your mercy in my success alone;
But let me find the grasp of your hand in my future.

OFFERING

"Summer's End"
Dennis Alexander

(Please make your check out to either St. John's or First Church. All cash from today's offering will be split between our two congregations.)

SERMON "Community Police Partnering Center and MARCC"
Amy Krings

CLOSING HYMN #121 "We'll Build a Land"

CLOSING WORDS "How Would It Be?" Anonymous

EXTINGUISHING OF THE FLAMES

POSTLUDE "Life is Good"
Barbara Boertje

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Next Sunday's sermon topic at St. John's will be "We Cannot Escape History." The Rev. Dr. Frank Carpenter will speak on this 61st anniversary of the USA dropping the first nuclear weapon on Hiroshima. Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

Next Sunday's sermon topic at First Church will be "Do We Care for All the Children?" Rick Roberts, Director of Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services, will discuss the broad extent of children's services in the county, what is mandated by law, what is left up to the voters to authorize, and the consequences of funding shortfalls. **On August 13th, come celebrate Rev. Sharon Dittmar's return to the pulpit after her four-month sabbatical!**

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this last joint summer service being held by the members of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church and First Unitarian Church. Next week, we will each be worshipping at our own churches. We'll miss being together, but look forward to combining our congregations again in the future!

Please join us for refreshments after the service in our fellowship hall, the Ellen Hall Room. (It's air-conditioned!) Please stay, meet some new friends, and learn about all of the things going on at our churches.

To receive a few issues of newsletters from both churches, just fill out a visitor information card at the Welcome Center in the lobby or at the back of the sanctuary. Greeters will be at the counter to answer any questions you might have about Unitarian Universalism.

There is a wide variety of UU literature and copies of past sermons on the bookshelf wall in the lobby.

Announcements

- ▶ **Hand fans** are at the rear of the sanctuary, some of them decorated by children from our RE program.
- ▶ **Assisted Listening devices** are available in the rear of the sanctuary, with effective range throughout most of the church building.

First Church and St. John's members and visitors: Collect water this summer! Labor Day weekend services at both churches will feature a Water Ceremony, a popular tradition in many UU churches. Collect a sample of water from wherever your summer travels take you and bring it to church for this meaningful ritual.

Summer Potluck from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, July 31. Join the First Church/West Cincinnati Presbyterian Partnership at Bud and Joy Haupt's Rue de la Paix Recreation room. Bring your swim suit (or not), partners, spouses, kids, or any friends interested in exploring or joining the Partnership Group. Please RSVP to Joy at 221.7726 or joyhaupt@fuse.net.

Help make salad for the Drop Inn Center at 9 a.m. on Sun., August 6. The junior and senior high school students from First Church invite any interested people to bring salad fixings and meet them in the kitchen. After the slicing and dicing, join them in serving the salad at the Drop Inn Center that day. To volunteer, call Jennifer Krueger at 922.2008.

First Church's partner church, West Cincinnati Presbyterian, is having another of its famous old-fashioned barrel-smoked barbecues on Sat., August 5, from 11-5. Chicken dinner for \$5.50, rib dinner for \$6.50. Dinners include two sides (greens, green beans, potato salad, mac & cheese, baked beans, cole slaw). Prepay to get your choice of a third side, pop or dessert. Eat in or carry out. Stop by or phone your order to 621.0041. They will also hold a rummage sale. WCP is located at Poplar and Baymiller across the street from the old Sands Montessori in the West End, a block south of Findlay.

Have you ever wanted to sing in a Gospel Choir? Kenny Smith, the Director of Music at First Church, will hold a Gospel Music weeklong workshop here from August 21–25. A 45-minute workshop will take place at 6:15 every evening, followed by choir practice. The cost is only \$15 if you register by the end of July or \$20 in August. The culmination of the workshop will be a concert held at 5 p.m. on Sun., August 27. This is a great opportunity to perform with some of Cincinnati's finest Gospel singers and musicians. For more information, call Kenny at 513.221.5367.

First Church invites you to join its choir. Kenny Smith makes choir practice fun and rewarding. Our first choir rehearsal for the regular church year will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7. We rehearse every Thursday. Please join us! –Vicki Ragsdale

This is a call out to everyone to join the singing at St. John's this fall. Our first rehearsal for the new season is Thursday, August 31 at 7:00. We follow with rehearsals every Thursday. Our December holiday program will be highly celebratory. We honor the diverse, infectious, and truly beautiful music from south of the border. We will collaborate with local Hispanic musicians for the program. Think Puerto Rico, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, and Cuba. –Cathy Roma, Minister of Music

Voices of Freedom, the new choir sponsored of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, will kick off our debut season on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Harriet Tubman Theatre at the Freedom Center. Our first appearance will be at the Bengals/North Carolina football game. Next, we will celebrate the opening of the new Fountain Square addition to Cincinnati. For information, send an email to me at caroma@fuse.net. –Cathy Roma, Minister of Music at St. John's

