WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
A welcoming, witnessing, worshiping community.

ORDER OF WORSHIP JANUARY 24, 2021 10:00 AM ONLINE SERVICE

Gathering		Karen Eversole, Greeter
Announcements		David Hopkinson, Worship Associate
Prelude	"Morning Has Broken"	WUU Choir, directed by Dr. Jamie Bartlett, Director of Music
Welcome & Greeting		David Hopkinson

Come, come, whoever you are,
Whomever you love,
Whatever your image of the Holy,
Your presence here is a gift.
All are worthy, all are welcome.

Call to Worship	"Scientists find universe awash in tiny diamonds," by Pat Mayne Ellis	Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Minister
Opening Hymn	"Earth Was Given as a Garden"	Dave Robbins, Assistant Director of Music, Piano
Lighting the Chalice		David Hopkinson

We light this chalice
for the warmth of love;
for the light of truth;
for the energy of action;
and for the harmony of peace:
Peace in our hearts,
peace in our community,
and peace in our world.

Wisdom Story	"Gilgamesh"	Austen Petersen, Director of Religious Education
Meditation & Prayer, Spoken & Silent	with excerpts from "The Hill We Climb," by Amanda Gorman	Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
Centering Song	"We Are Living Earth"	Written & performed by James Underberg
Sharing Our Gifts		Text-to-Give: 757-500-0688

The collection this week goes to our general operating fund to help cover all of those essential things like staff salaries and building maintenance, as well as the activities that are so important to all of us, from social justice initiatives to crayons for our RE children. Thank you for your support!

Offertory Music	"The Origin of Love" from *Hedwig & The Angry Inch,* by John Cameron Mitchell	Dave Robbins, Piano
Reading	from "The Myth of Redemptive Violence," by Walter Wink	
Sermon	"In the Beginning"	Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
Closing Hymn	"The Earth Is Our Mother"	Dave Robbins, Piano

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame,
but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community,
or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts
until we are together again.

Closing Circle & Benediction	Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig

Post-service Zoom breakout groups led by Nancy Carnegie, Martha Elim, Jane Reilly, Stuart Saunders, Les Solomon, Trenna Tankersley, and Liz Wiley: All are invited to a small-group conversation to check in and talk about the sermon.

-*Newcomer group*: To join, send a brief note to the Zoom chat at the end of the service saying "Newcomer group."

-*Other groups*: Groups are randomized and all are welcome. To join, simply wait at the end of the service to be invited to join a group.

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