

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Order of Service



November 28, 2010

Today at Church

Sunday Worship Services in the Sanctuary

9:15 – 10:15 am • 11 am – 12 pm

- *Childcare*
Murray Room
9 am – 12:30 pm
- *Religious Education*
RE Wing
9:15 – 10:30 am
11 am – 12:15 pm
- *Our Whole Lives (OWL) Class*
Sanger Room
9 – 11 am
- *Finance Team Meeting*
Sanger Room
6 – 8 pm
- *UU Young Adults' Theater Group*
Chapel
12:15 – 2:30 pm

Our Ushers for Today's Services

9:15 – Lola Reed – Susan Mossuto

11 – Sasha Carey - Michael Hoffman



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* Abraxan Service

Chimes & Gathering Music

"Ausencias" by Astor Piazzolla
Gennie Gregg, *Pianist*

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

Sara Edlin-Marlowe, *Worship Leader*

Singing Together

#402 *"From You I Receive"*

Welcome & Greeting Each Other

Sara Edlin-Marlowe

Story for All Ages

Diane Huigen, *Director of Religious Education*

Children's Recessional

#413 *"Go Now in Peace"*

Announcements

Candles of Care

** The Congregation of Abraxas was an order of UU ministers and lay people created after the 1975 Buck Hill Falls UU Ministers Association Convocation. The Abraxans saw worship as the center of our liberal religious life and work, and declared liturgical renewal as their work.*

"We believe the human enterprise and the health of our churches requires above all else the capacity and vehicles for genuine private and public worship. We want to renew liturgy in our lives so it will renew us and our society."

www.uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb/theory/abraxanessay.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Reader — Cheryl Rohrig

In ancient Sumeria, where the Tigris and Euphrates created civilization and where the word freedom first appeared in human history, Tammuz, the god of field and meadow died each year and came to life in marriage with Inanna, goddess of soil and fertility.

All: For the ancient roots of human culture, we give thanks.

Reader: In early Greece, Orpheus and Dionysius, the gods of music and wine died each year, with the cycle of the seasons and came to life again as a sign of hope.

All: For the celebration of joy and promise, we give thanks.

Reader: In Egypt of old, people planted seed in the fertile earth, the body of Isis, which her dead lover, Osiris, god of grain and harvest, might spring to life again. They celebrated his resurrection with beer and barley cakes as their communion with sacred sun and soil.

All: For the sustaining nurture of earth and harvest, we give thanks.

Reader: On the night before he died, the rabbi Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples and friends. He broke bread before them and poured out wine, so that by these acts of remembering his followers might not be defeated by sorrow, betrayal, pain and death, but share strength and joy with each other.

All: For the visible signs of victory over death and deliverance from darkness, we give thanks.

Reader: On this day we partake of the bounty of earth and rejoice in the work of the spirit, renewing our covenant of justice and love.

All: For these signs of community we share, we give thanks.



Offertory

"Intermezzo opus 118 #2" by Brahms
Gennie Gregg

Mindful Meditation

Sara Edlin-Marlowe

Sermon

Don't Worry, Be Happy!
Sara Edlin-Marlowe

Invitation

Leader: The breaking of bread is a mark of our community, a sign of our sharing, a model to redeem the world.

Congregation: Nations go to war for hoarding of bread. People are jailed for the need of bread. People die for the want of bread

Right: Bread's other name is Freedom.

Left: Bread's other name is Justice

Center: Bread's other name is Compassion

Leader: We share the bread in memory of all who have died that others may live. We share bread as a visible sign beyond the spoken word.

All: We share bread, as an actor of power: power to feed, power to touch hearts, power to transform the empty into the filled.

Leader: All are welcome at this table without regard to class or creed, belief or unbelief, for the community we share is larger than these.



The Great Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together, saying:

All: We remember, at this time, not just one who died to save all people, but the many who have died for the sake of justice, for the sake of truth, for the sake of love, and sometimes for the sake of nothing at all. One human family are they and we, saints and singers, martyrs and heroes, ordinary men and woman and children, the famous and the forgotten, the nameless and the numberless. Their bodies, like bread, are broken, their blood, like wine, is spilled. We name our own.

Leader: We name those we remember and for those lives we give thanks.

You are invited to say aloud the names of those you wish to remember

Leader: Those named out loud and those remembered in the silence, we hold in our circle of Compassion.

All: Bound together are they and we in grief and hope that life shall live again, that they shall not have died in vain. Our lives are now bathed in the light of their living and dying and living again in us, by the bread we break, by the drink we share. By the love we live, in this special moment, in this special way. Amen. Shalom. Blessed Be.

The Consecration

Sara: The gifts of earth for the people of the earth

All: This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat.

Cheryl: This is the body of earth which is broken for us as the plow rends the soil to receive the seed. As we feed the earth, so its grain gives to us the Bread of Life.

All: When you gather the grapes of your vineyards for the winepress, say in your heart, "I too am in a vineyard, and my fruit shall be gathered for the winepress."

Sara: This is the blood of all nations, which is spilled as the winepress breaks open the fruit of the vine. As we ferment its harvest, so its spirit becomes the Wine of Hope.

The Distribution

Reader: To a rabbi God said, "I will show you hell." In a room with a large pot of stew in the middle sat people, famished and desperate, holding spoons with handles longer than their arms. They could not get the stew in their mouths. Their suffering was terrible.

Reader: "Now I will show you heaven," said God, and in an identical room with all things the same, the people were well nourished and happy. "It is simple," said God. "They have learned to feed each other." In that spirit receive these signs and share them with your neighbor.

Sara: We are invited to feed each other as a model for feeding the world. When the tray is passed, the person passing it holds it until the neighbor has taken a piece. Please hold the bread until the cup is passed and then dip the bread into the cup.



Words for Sharing Communion

As each person offers bread to another: *Bread of life given freely to you.*

As each person offers drink to another: *Fruit of earth given freely to you.*

After the Communion

Reader: Three holy realities bind our lives in community as one human family of earth

All: Holy is truth, which makes us free; holy is love, the hope of the world; holy is community, which sustains, our being, our becoming and our having been.

Reader: May these forever nourish us and the world around in justice equity and peace.

Singing Together

#128 "For All that Is Our Life"

Benediction

Sara Edlin-Marlowe

Shalom Havayreem

All Assembled

Postlude

"Eubie Dubie" by Eubie Blake

Gennie Gregg

Upcoming Winter Holiday Services

✱ **Sunday Services** — December 5th

"The Second Path"

Hollis Bredeweg, *Minister*

✱ **Sunday Services** — December 12th

"Festivus: Why Religious Tolerance Isn't"

Hollis Bredeweg, *Minister*

✱ **Sunday Services** — December 19th

* 9:15 am — "The Last Temptation"

Hollis Bredeweg, *Minister*

* 11 am — Children's Christmas Pageant

✱ **Winter Solstice Singing Ritual** — Tuesday * December 21st

* 7 pm — Annual celebration of the Darkness and the Light

✱ **Christmas Eve Service** — Friday * December 24th

* 7 pm — Stories and Songs of the Season

Hollis Bredeweg, *Minister*

✱ **Sunday Service** — December 26th

(Single Multigenerational — No Religious Education)

* 11 am — "Instant Sermons"

Hollis Bredeweg, *Minister*

Regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 2, 2011

Coming Up
Week of November 29, 2010

Monday, November 29

Friends of Sravasti Abbey	5:30 pm
Buddhist Meditation Group	6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 30

<i>Requests for Reimbursements Due</i>	2 pm
Solstice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm
Healthy Relations Team Meeting	7 pm

Wednesday, December 1

SUUNvisors Bulk Mailing Session	9 am
<i>Publications Deadline</i>	
Order of Service, Focus & Pulpit announcements	10 am
World AIDS Day Observance	5 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting	5:30 pm

Thursday, December 2

Management Team Meeting	3:45 pm
Adult Enrichment Team Meeting	5:30 pm
Search Team Meeting	6:30 pm
Mixed Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Partner Church Team Meeting	7 pm

Friday, December 3

CUUPS Drum Circle	6 pm
CEE Sabbath Services	7 pm

Saturday, December 4

CEE Rabbi Weekend	9:30 am
CUUPS Monthly Meeting	10 am
Holiday Party & UU Youth Group Fundraising Dinner	5 pm

Sunday, December 5

Sunday Worship Services	9:15 & 11 am
Religious Education Classes	9:15 am — 12:15 pm
OWL Class	9 am
Conversation with Board & Search Team	12:15 pm
UU Young Adults Theater Group	12:30 pm
Singular Unitarians First Sunday Brunch	12:30 pm
Reiki Circle	6 pm
Finance Team Meeting	6:30 pm
UU Youth Group Happening	7 pm

November 21 Attendance Count

Worship Services 9:15 am — 92 • 11 am — 105 • Total — 197
Religious Education — 112