

TOWSON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

A Welcoming Congregation



Earth Day Sunday

Order of Service

April 22, 2007

9:30 & 11:15 AM

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church is a beacon for freethinking religion fostering spiritual and intellectual growth for all ages while promoting an active commitment to the wider world.

Ministers:

The Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

The Rev. Matthew McNaught, emeritus

*Glance at the sun. See the moon and stars.
Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think.*
-- Hildegard von Bingen

RINGING OF THE BELLS – CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE TO GRATITUDE

WELCOME

PRELUDE *We Give Thanks*

Wendy Luella Perkins
Arr. Susan Peck & Joseph Gascho
TUUC Choir

OPENING WORDS from *The Way to Start a Day*

Byrd Baylor
Delivered by Laurie Meister

CHALICE LIGHTING

John Burroughs
Delivered by: Lois Hybl (9:30)
Carel Hedlund (11:15)

STORY FOR ALL AGES *Mother Earth*

Nancy Luenn
Read by: Catherine Morris (9:30)
Laurie Meister (11:15)

HYMN *We've Got the Whole World*

We've got the whole world in our hands
We've got the whole wide world in our hands
We've got the whole world in our hands (2x)
We've got the penguins and the polar bears in our hands (4x)
We've got the frogs and the birds in our hands (4x)
We've got the trees and the flowers in our hands (4x)
(Please pause while children gather.)
We've got the whole world in our hands (4x)
(Sing children out.)

READING from *The Heart of our Faith*

Galen Guengerich
Delivered by: Bill Ward (9:30)
Carel Hedlund (11:15)

MEDITATION / SLIDE SHOW

(During the meditation, the congregation is invited to “plant” Cares and Concerns; if you wish, you may take your marigold planting with you.)

READING from *Cradle to Cradle*..... William McDonough & Michael Braungart
Delivered by: Catherine Morris (9:30)
Laurie Meister (11:15)

UNISON READING *Preamble to the Earth Charter*

WE STAND AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN EARTH’S HISTORY, A TIME WHEN HUMANITY MUST CHOOSE ITS FUTURE.

AS THE WORLD BECOMES INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT AND FRAGILE, THE FUTURE AT ONCE HOLDS GREAT PERIL AND PROMISE.

TO MOVE FORWARD WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE MIDST OF A MAGNIFICENT DIVERSITY OF CULTURES AND LIFE FORMS, WE ARE ONE HUMAN FAMILY AND ONE EARTH COMMUNITY WITH A COMMON DESTINY.

WE MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO BRING FORTH A SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL SOCIETY FOUNDED ON RESPECT FOR NATURE, UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND A CULTURE OF PEACE.

TOWARDS THIS END, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE, THE PEOPLES OF EARTH, DECLARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE ANOTHER, TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY OF LIFE, AND TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.

OFFERTORY *Earth’s Endless Treasures* Ellen Hansen-Ellis
TUUC Choir & Uta Hussong, flute

HOMILY *Gratitude and Stewardship*

Rev. Clare Petersberger

GSC UPDATE / CALL TO ACTION

Uta Hussong

HYMN #1067 *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden*

CLOSING WORDS / MUSIC

Bill Ward (9:30)

Jen Davis (11:30)

Chip Meister, soloist

GO NOW IN PEACE

The Green Sanctuary Committee would like to say a grateful thank you to Rev. Clare Petersberger, Joyce Duncan and Joseph Gascho for helping plan this service. Thank you also to the TUUC Choir, soloist Chip Meister, and Uta Hussong, flute, for enhancing our celebration today. A special thank you goes to all the RE classes, 4-6 year olds through 6th-7th grades, for selling compact fluorescent light bulbs and for educating us with their beautiful posters and dioramas. The following members/friends shared their beautiful photos: Elliot Azzam, Marilyn Carlisle, Jennifer Davis, Uta Hussong, Marilyn Maze, Laurie Meister, Christian Morel, Linda Prause, John Reuter, Alys & Paul Schiminger, Peter Talley, and Reider White. Committee members who participated or planned include: Marilyn Carlisle, Michelle Collins, Jen Davis, Carel Hedlund, Uta Hussong, Lois Hybl, Laurie Meister, Catherine Morris, Bill Ward, and Reider White. The lovely flowering plant is provided by the Green Sanctuary Committee in grateful appreciation for this beautiful earth. Thank you all!

Our church would not operate without the dedication of the countless volunteers who share their gifts with us by performing various ministries within the church. This morning we would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following:

Audio – Mike Tierney, Andy Peterson

Greeters – Peggy and Michael Galumbeck, Sue Wetzel, Sue Walker

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Ushers – Alan Foote, Len Proctor, Mary O'Byrne

Flowers – Green Sanctuary Committee, in grateful appreciation
for our beautiful planet.