

“A human being is a part of the whole called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feeling as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

- Albert Einstein

The Seven Principles

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
 2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
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Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

Welcome to the Historic Unitarian Universalist Meeting House Nantucket Island

Open Doors

Open Minds

Open Hearts

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Rising in Love - From Seed to Flower

Order of Service



**Founded in 1809
Second Congregational Meeting House Society
Unitarian Universalist**

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Prelude			
Opening words <i>Love Brings Us Back to Life</i>	Kat Robinson Grieder		
Peggy Clarke			
Welcome and Announcements	Kat Robinson Grieder & Susan Richards		
Lighting the Chalice			
<i>“With this flame we renew our commitment to justice, peace and compassion.”</i>			
Affirmation		All	
<i>“From all that dwell below the skies, Let faith and hope with love arise. Let beauty, truth, and good be sung Through every land, by every tongue.”</i>			
Greeting One Another		All	
Reading <i>Unafraid of the dark</i>	Susan Richards		
Gary Kowalski			
Hymn #348 Guide My Feet		All	
Story for All Ages:	Leyah Jensen		
Children’s Blessing		All	
<i>“Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the light of love surround you, Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.”</i>			
Children depart for World Explorers (WE)			
Meditation <i>A prayer for Hope</i>	Kat Robinson Grieder		
Christin Green			
Hymn #123 Spirit of Life			All
Joys and Concerns			All
Hymn #83 Winds be Still			All
Reflection			
Flower Power by Rev. Gary Kowalski presented by Susan Richards			
We Keep Rising in Love by Rev. Molly Housh Gordon presented by Kat Robinson Grieder			
Our Gifts We Bring			
Offertory <i>Open the window Children</i>	UU Meetinghouse Choir		
-Traditional Georgia Sea Islands			
Hymn #168 One More Step			All
Closing Words for Easter	Kat Robinson Grieder		
Alex Holt			
Extinguishing the Chalice			
<i>“We extinguish this flame, But we keep its light in our hearts, so we may share its message of love and justice, Taking it outside these walls to the world we live in, until we are together again.”</i>			
-Maddie Sifantus			
Postlude <i>Little Prelude in E</i>			
-JS Bach			

Sunday Morning Participants

**Sunday Service Leader – Kat Robinson Grieder &
Susan Richards**
Music Director - Nigel Goss
Youth and Children’s Program Director - Leyah Jensen
Tech Assistant – Deirdre Duffy
UU Meeting House Choir