

For poems are not words, after all, but fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in the pockets of the hungry.

- Mary Oliver

### **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.

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### **Sunday Morning Participants**

Susan Richards, Lay Leader

Nigel Goss, Music Director

The Meeting House Choir

Youth Director, Leyah Jensen

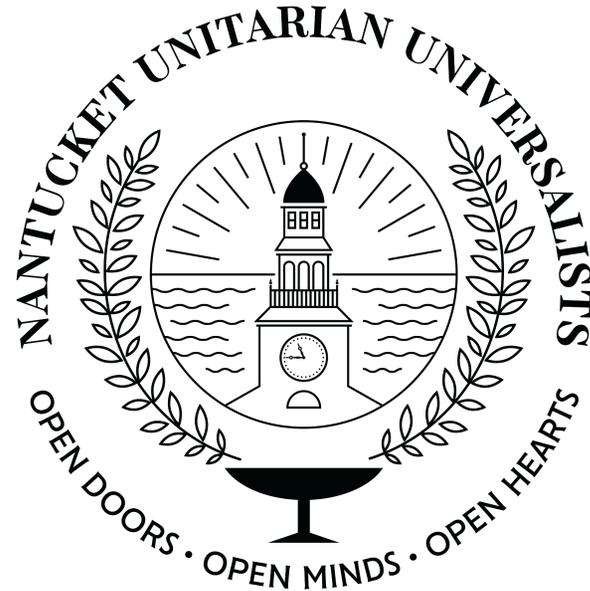
Keely Farrell, Tech Assistant

Poetry Team Members - Teena Lorenzen, Suze Robinson,

Paul Stewart, Barbara Elder, Jim Sulzer, Peter Richards,

Beau Marshall, Joanne Polster

## ***Second Congregational Meeting House Unitarian Universalist***



***Why Poetry Matters...  
Especially Now***

***March 29th, 2026***

## ***Order of Service***

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

Rosemary McLaughlin  
Board of Trustees

#### **Doxology**

*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. Amen.*  
- Isaac Watts (composite)

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#### **Prelude**

#### **Opening Words**

Susan Richards

#### **Lighting the Chalice**

We light our chalice as a symbol of the Light within us and the life that flows through the world around us. It is our beacon as we search for truth. It is the warmth in our hearts for love. And it is the energy that propels us to action. May we be kindled by our time together.  
- Brian C. Lee

#### **Hymn**

*We Sing Of Golden Mornings* #44  
-Words by R.W. Emerson

#### **POEMS - Part I**

Poetry Team Members

#### **Story for All Ages**

How to Write a Poem Leyah Jensen  
-by Kwame Alexander & Deanna Mikaido

#### **Singing the Children Out**

*Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the light of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Meditation**

**Musical Response** *If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking* #292  
-Words by Emily Dickinson

#### **Poems - Part II**

Poetry Team Members

#### **Offering**

Paul Stewart

#### **Offertory**

*Come And Find Me* UU Meeting House Choir  
-text by Elizabeth Tarbox, music by Jason Shelton

#### **Mini Sermon** Why Poetry Matters...Especially Now

Susan Richards

#### **Hymn**

*All Are Architects Of Fate* #288  
-Words by H.W. Longfellow

#### **Poems - Part III**

Poetry Team Members

#### **Hymn**

*Again As Evening's Shadow Falls* #48  
-Words by S. Longfellow

#### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

Together, we have enjoyed the warmth and beauty of poetry, of this flame, and of this special community. As our chalice flame is extinguished this morning, we can still remember that its glow is carried within us. We can use our inner lights and this flame to kindle new sparks throughout our lives and in the world. May the spirit of peace and togetherness bless your lives.  
- Amanda Alice Uluhan

#### **Closing Words**

Susan Richards

#### **Postlude**

*Hope's The Thing With Feathers*  
-Poem by Emily Dickinson, music by Julie Lee