

# USG - Unitarian Society of Germantown

*Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and Empowerment*

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**



***Gaia, Hear Our Prayer!***

**Rev. Kent Matthies  
with Music Director Mark Daugherty  
and the USG Choir**

## **WELCOME, VISITORS AND FRIENDS**

We're so glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit, we encourage you to fill out a name tag in the narthex (at the back of the sanctuary) or at the Welcome Table (either in the Dining Room or outside in the Grove) before or after the service. Please also fill out a **visitor form** in either of those locations and pick up a gift bag if you would like one. If a hearing assist device would be helpful, please see an usher. Our parking lot is accessed from Johnson St. near Wayne Ave. and we have accessible parking in the courtyard off Lincoln Drive. Please contact Treva Burger and Lisa Dutton, Welcoming co-chairs, at [welcoming@usguu.org](mailto:welcoming@usguu.org) or 215-277-5752 with questions.



## **THE UU JOYS AND SORROWS TRADITION**

All are welcome during this part of the service to come forward, select a stone and then place it in the bowl of water to symbolize sharing your joy or sorrow, blessing or concern, with the community.

## **WAYS TO GIVE DURING THE OFFERING TODAY**

If writing a check, please make it out to USG. In the memo line, please indicate the specific intentions (special gift, pledge, capital campaign, etc.). If texting, follow directions on pg. 1 or 2 of Announcements and text. e.g.: (amount space pledge) or (amount space STP).

## **THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

*We thank all the folks who do a little or a lot to make every Sunday at USG meaningful, beautiful, and welcoming. So many people contribute. Below are some of those people.*

Worship Associate: Margaret Thompson

Musician: Mark Daugherty, piano, and the USG Choir

Sound Technicians: David Ward, Bob Williford, and James Buch

Videographer: Jeff Smith

Ushers: Shobhi Kanal (Lead Usher), Nancy Anderson, Gail Mershon, and Jess Stanforth

Welcome Table: Linda Bernstein

Order of Service Collator: Bonnie McDairmant, Ann Clarey, Nick Buffone

Sexton: Mike Rogers

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### **USG's Board of Trustees, 2019-2020**

For contact information for USG's Board members, go to [USGUU.org](http://USGUU.org), log in with your member password, go to the Members tab and then to the Leadership Directory.

Jenn Leiby, President

Jess Slivak, Vice President

Sam Stormont, Secretary

Nancy Anderson, Debbie Ward, Maggie Beaumont, Zachary Bosco, John Davis, Andrea Barsevick

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**September 22, 2019 10:30am**



*Please silence cell phones*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Margaret Thompson**

**RINGING OF TIBETAN PRAYER BOWL**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Mark Daugherty**  
**Rev. Kent Matthies**

**CHALICE LIGHTING** *A Child's Chalice Lighting of Gratitude for the Earth*  
adapted from one by Karen G. Johnston

**JOYS AND SORROWS**  
**PRELUDE**

*Autumn Leaves*  
by Joseph Kosma

**Mark Daugherty, piano**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**  
**GO NOW IN PEACE**

**Reflections on Climate Strike**

**Ryan Hurd**  
**#413**

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

**HYMN**

*Faith is a Forest*

**#194**

**CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**  
**PRAYER/MEDITATION**

**SPIRIT OF LIFE**

**#123**

*Spirit of Life, Come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

**INTERLUDE**

*Ancient Mother*  
Native American, arr. Bradfield

**USG Choir**

**SERMON**

*Gaia, Hear Our Prayer!*

**Rev. Kent Matthies**

**HYMN**

*Blue Boat Home*

**#1064**

**OFFERING**

*Missa Gaia: Blue Green Hills of Earth*  
by Kim Oler

**USG Choir**

**CLOSING WORDS**

*The time has come*  
by Wangari Maathai

**POSTLUDE**

*Do It Now (Sing for the Climate)*  
Trad.

**USG Choir**

**PASS THE PEACE**

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## **THIS MORNING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

This Sunday the children begin the morning in the Sanctuary with families and then are sung out to their classes. Parents are always welcome to accompany the children.

- PreK - K (Rainbow Connection) - Sullivan 1
- Grades 1 - 3 (Chapel) - Sullivan 2 & 3
- Grades 4 - 5 (Chapel) - Sullivan 2 & 3

These two programs meet at 10:30am on irregular Sundays:

- Grades 6 - 7 (Middle School Youth Group) - Bristol Room (10:30 - 11:30am)
- Grades 8 - 10 (Coming of Age)- Edna Jones Room (10:30 - 12noon) **NEXT: September 29**

And at 6:00pm on irregular Sunday evenings: Grades 9 - 12 (Evening Youth Group) -Kitchen. **NEXT: September 22**

**Parents, please meet your child after the service ends in the Sullivan Chapel.**

Details about the CSD programs and schedules can be found on the [Usguu.org](http://Usguu.org) website under the Spiritual Development tab.

**Childcare** for children 4-5 years old and younger is offered this Sunday (and most Sundays) from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the **Committee Room**.

**The Wiggle Room** is just off the Narthex (behind the Sanctuary) for those who need a little break. **Play Packs** for children to use during the Service are available. Please just ask an usher. Kindly return the PlayPacks at the end of the service for next Sunday's use.



**Join us NEXT Sunday, September 29, at 10:30am**

***Why Have You Rejected Me?***

**Guest Speaker Jordan Ford**

Jordan will explore why God's children are sometimes oppressed and the reassurance God gives to His people that He will deliver them. The sermon will come from Psalms 43:1-3, with a special emphasis on verse two: "For You are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"



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