

USG - Unitarian Society of Germantown
Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and Empowerment

Sunday, December 15, 2019



The Milky Way (see inside cover for attribution and photo explanation)

Our Awesome World and Cosmos

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 or elevator 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 Lisa Dutton, Welcoming chair, at 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: Tom Ott

Musicians: The USG Choir with Mark Daugherty on piano; soloist Beverly Gross-Spencer

Sound Technicians: Bob Williford, David Ward

Videographer: Jeff Smith

Ushers: Tim Spencer (Lead Usher), Carolyn Scott, Nancy LaFauci, and Ya-Chi Tsao

Instagram Posters: Caroline Bright and Joel Bright

Welcome Table: Nancy Anderson

Holiday Angel Table: Deb Kish-Silver

Order of Service Collator: Carolyn Scott

Sexton: Mike Rogers

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He writes: We are But Specks of Stardust. One of my favorite things about photographing the Milky Way is the reminder of just how small we really are. To think that every single speck of light in this picture is its own star, with its own planets. And all of this is within our own galaxy, which in itself is just another speck in the universe....

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ORDER OF SERVICE
December 15, 2019

Please silence cell phones

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Tom Ott
RINGING OF TIBETAN PRAYER BOWL		Mark Daugherty
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Kent Matthies
HYMN	<i>We Are...</i>	#1051
CHALICE LIGHTING	<i>A Fire in the Universe</i> by Shawn Trapp	
JOYS AND SORROWS		
PRELUDE	Music from <i>Star Trek</i> and <i>Cosmos</i> by Alexander Courage; by Alan Silvestri	Mark Daugherty, piano
STORY FOR ALL AGES	<i>The Stuff of Stars</i> text, Marion Bauer; illus., Ekua Holmes	Ryan Hurd
GO NOW IN PEACE		#413
	<i>Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.</i>	
VIDEO	<i>We Are Stardust</i> by Neil deGrasse Tyson	
INTERLUDE	<i>Lost in the Stars</i> music, Kurt Weill; words, Maxwell Anderson	soloist Beverly Gross-Spencer
CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD		
PRAYER/MEDITATION		
SPIRIT OF LIFE		#123
	<i>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.</i>	
SERMON	<i>Our Awesome World and Cosmos</i>	Rev. Kent Matthies
HYMN	<i>The Oneness of Everything</i>	#1052
OFFERING*	<i>On the Beach at Night Alone</i> words, Walt Whitman; music, Eugene Butler	USG Choir
CLOSING WORDS	<i>The Womb of Stars</i> by Joy Atkinson	
POSTLUDE	<i>The Ground</i> by Ola Gjeilo	USG Choir
PASS THE PEACE		

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THIS MORNING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CSD programs for PreK - 7th grade will **extend until about 11:45am**. Caregivers, enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation after service in the dining room before picking up your children in Sullivan Chapel.



This Sunday the children in PreK through Grade 5 begin the morning in the Sanctuary with families and then are sung out to their classes. Parents are always welcome to accompany the children. **Parents, please meet your child at 11:45am in the Edna Jones Assembly Room.**

Grades 6 - 7 (Middle School Youth Group) - will meet at 10:30am in the Bristol Room.

Grades 8 - 10 (Coming of Age)- will meet at 10:30am in the Edna Jones and Daskam Rooms.

Grades 9 - 12 (Evening Youth Group) – next meeting TBA.

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**.

Details about the CSD programs and schedules can be found on the Usguu.org website under the Spiritual Development tab. **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, December 22, 10:30am**

Of Light and Service

Ryan Hurd, Jess Stanforth, and Other Speakers

As we reach the shortest day and the longest night of the year, USG will celebrate light and service touching on St. Lucia, the Winter Solstice, and Hanukkah. This will be a **multigenerational** service.



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