

This community affirms and promotes the Unitarian Universalist principles:

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CHURCH CANCELLATION PROCEDURES AND NOTIFICATION METHODS**

We hate to cancel our Sunday morning services, classes, or any event due to inclement weather. However, we also want everyone to be safe, so on occasion, we must - from an abundance of caution - cancel. Board policy leaves the decision to the minister and the board president. We always endeavor to make such decisions in a timely fashion. **If the decision to cancel is made, we will: send out an email to all congregants, post notice on Facebook (both the public and private UUSMC pages), and post notice on the [UUSMC.org](http://UUSMC.org) website.**

We are now linked with the local SnoWatch system. SnoWatch reports are broadcast on 1150 AM WDEL and 93.7 FM WSTW and are available online at [wdel.com](http://wdel.com) and [wstw.com](http://wstw.com). So, now through March, if the weather calls for any kind of precipitation, please check the above media or call the church before heading out. We want you to be safe!

#### **New Way of Giving to Mill Creek!**

For those who love the convenience of online giving via credit/debit card, we now have the ability to accept gifts online through our website at [uusmc.org](http://uusmc.org). Go to the **CONNECT** button at the top of the [church website](http://church website) and scroll down to **DONATE**. On that page, you will see four links - depending on how you want to direct your gift. Select either a **General contribution**, a **Share our Plate contribution**, **Agape fund contribution**, or a **Pledge payment**. Please note that the church incurs processing fees for online donations; consider adding 3% to your gift to cover those fees.

#### **Upcoming events**

**Women's March on Washington**, Saturday, January 21

**Social Justice meeting**, Sunday, January 22

**Family Dinner and Movie Night**, Saturday, January 28

#### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister                    [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director           [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)



**January 15, 2017**

**Chris Crass**

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~ Order of Service ~  
January 15, 2017

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Welcome & Announcements Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude **“We Need Each Other”** Elizabeth Alexander

Chalice Lighting

Response:

We gather this hour as people of faith, with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Congregational Greeting Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

**“We Are Not Afraid”** by Rev. Aaron McEmrys

Children to Religious Education – “Go Now in Peace” #413

Covenant

Sacred is this place of acceptance, this home for the spirit.  
Here, all are welcome, with all our differences, who come in  
peace and with an open heart. We enter in celebration, to  
learn, to share, and to grow together in our Unitarian  
Universalist faith. Blessed be this gathering.

\*Hymn **“One More Step”** #168

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“Comfort Me”** #1002

Meditation

Offering **“If Not Now”** Carrie Newcomer

Sermon **Courage for Racial Justice,  
Courage for Beloved Community** Chris Crass

Postlude **“A Benediction”**

\***Unison Benediction**

*May we go from here with Love in our hearts,  
Hope in our minds, Help in our hands,  
To live our Principles and give of our gifts,  
For those whose lives we touch, whose lives touch ours.*

\*Hymn **“Lift Every Voice”** #149

\* Stand as you are able.

**Welcome, visitors and guests.** We invite you to fill out a contact information card, and hope you'll stay with us after the service for coffee, tea, & conversation. We welcome you to all meetings and social activities. To discuss membership, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, [mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

**Meet our guest speaker, Chris Crass.** Chris Crass is the author of the new book *Towards the “Other America”: Anti-Racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter*. He writes and speaks widely on anti-racist organizing, feminism for men, strategies to build visionary movements, and creating healthy culture and leadership for progressive activism. He was a founder of the anti-racist movement building center, the Catalyst Project, and helped launch the national white anti-racist network, SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice).

Rooted in his Unitarian Universalist faith he works with congregations, seminaries, and religious and spiritual leaders to build up the Spiritual Left. He is also the author of *Towards Collective Liberation: anti-racist organizing, feminist praxis, and movement building strategy*. He lives in Louisville, KY with his partner and their two sons. You can learn more about his work at [www.chriscrass.org](http://www.chriscrass.org).

**Today's music** is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. Our selections this weekend echo the words of civil rights and social justice leaders. Elizabeth Alexander's adaptation and setting of Susan Gittler's poem are right for our time: "We need each other, we hunger to give, and thirst to receive, in all of our days. We need each other, for tasks greater than ourselves, for discovery, for learning, for building and creation." Carrie Newcomer reminds us that there is no time like the present; "although there will be struggle, we'll make the change we can...If not now, tell me when?"

**Share Our Plate** Today's special collection is for the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow. The mission of the Coalition is to create forums and initiatives to define, clarify, educate, and advocate for solutions to racial discrimination, and institutional policies and systems that place minorities and members of impoverished communities at a disadvantage in education, employment, and the criminal justice system in a way that builds hope, opportunity and success in the quality of life for all citizens.

**Social Justice Committee Meeting** Everyone is welcome to join us after church service next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will discuss planning for Souper Bowl Sunday, and other events.