

**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 (Cont'd.)**

**Parking Alert:** Great news! Our parking lot is overflowing as we invite more people to join us in our awakening to love. The downside is that it would *appear* to a visitor that we have no room for them. So, we invite you to help us make room. (1) Please leave the three spaces to the right of the accessible parking spaces open for first-time visitors. (We'll get them marked.) (2) Weather permitting, please park on the perimeter grass. (3) Consider parking in the designated parking areas of Paper Mill Park and walking up — get your steps in!

**All-Church Common Read** Our Social Justice Team is inviting us into an all-church common read this Spring - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Delaware native Bryan Stevenson. The Mill Creek book group will offer a small group discussion of the issues in the book on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30. Anyone can join us even if you have not completed the book. Contact Rev. Greg to borrow a copy.

### **Upcoming events**

**Just Mercy book small-group discussion**, Thursday, March 22

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 14

**Big Music Sunday**, April 15

**Adult RE Music & Imagery Workshop**, Saturday, May 5

**Save the date – Church Picnic!** Sunday, June 24

### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**March 18, 2018**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

*We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.*

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~ Order of Service ~  
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♥ Please silence cell phones and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Winter Concerto RV 297, second movement* Vivaldi

Welcome

Lighting the Chalice

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.*

Story For All Ages

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 *With Joy We Claim the Growing Light* #345

Reading

Offering Our Prayers

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *Down in the Willow Garden & In the Pines* American trad.

Sermon *Inspire*

Postlude *Sleepwalk* Santo and Johnny Farina

**\*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.*

**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), 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.

**Today's music** is performed by Christopher Braddock, guitar, and Jeanmarie Braddock, violin. **Chris Braddock** received his classical guitar performance degree from the University of Delaware. He is currently an instructor at the Music School of Delaware, and performs as a soloist with several ensembles. **Jeanmarie Braddock** is active as both a soprano soloist and violinist throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and is currently a director of elementary school orchestras in the Brandywine School District. She graduated from West Chester University where she majored in voice and minored in violin.

**Religious Exploration** Today in RE, our precious Chalice Children will continue their unit about emotions. The Roots and Shoots Friends will work on their projects and information to be presented to the congregation at the April 8 potluck when Middle Eastern food will be shared. The Coming of Age class is away today on retreat at Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center. They have joined other UU Coming of Age groups from NY, PA and NJ for a weekend of formation and fellowship. The High School Age Youth group reunites today with a new (and energized) team of adult advisors!!!

**Share Our Plate** For the months of March and April, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to Meeting Ground, Inc. in Cecil County, Maryland. Their mission is to respect and serve persons at risk of, or experiencing homelessness by meeting basic human needs, connecting people to needed services, fostering spiritual and emotional well-being, and advocating for those whose voices need to be heard, with the goal of creating a path to a place they call home.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14** Mark your calendar and join us for a fun evening of good food and great deals at our auction! Contact David Bonner with your donation(s) – [david@dlsk.net](mailto:david@dlsk.net)

**Big Music Sunday is April 15.** Join us for our annual (mostly) all-music worship service! We invite performers of all ages, styles, and genres to celebrate their love of music on the theme **“Awaken to Love.”** If you have a musical gift you wish to share, please register at <http://bit.ly/BigMusicSunday>, before March 25. Contact our Music Director, Kristen Tosh-Morelli at [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org) for more info.