

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.)

**Big Music Sunday is April 15.** Join us for our annual (mostly) all-music worship service! We've invited performers of all ages, styles, and genres to celebrate their love of music on the theme "**Awaken to Love.**" This year will feature a special first-ever common sing by Mill Creek Soul. All are invited to participate, either by singing with the group or by wearing your old 1960's-era clothing! Optional rehearsals will be held Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm and Big Music Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Contact Jamie Kegerise with questions, [jamie@dsofurniture.com](mailto:jamie@dsofurniture.com)

**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. Everyone is invited to an all-church discussion during our May Potluck Lunch after church service on May 6 (the lunch is one week earlier for the month of May).

### Upcoming events

**Central Asian Potluck Lunch**, next Sunday, April 8

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 14

**Big Music Sunday**, April 15

**Earth Day Celebration**, April 22

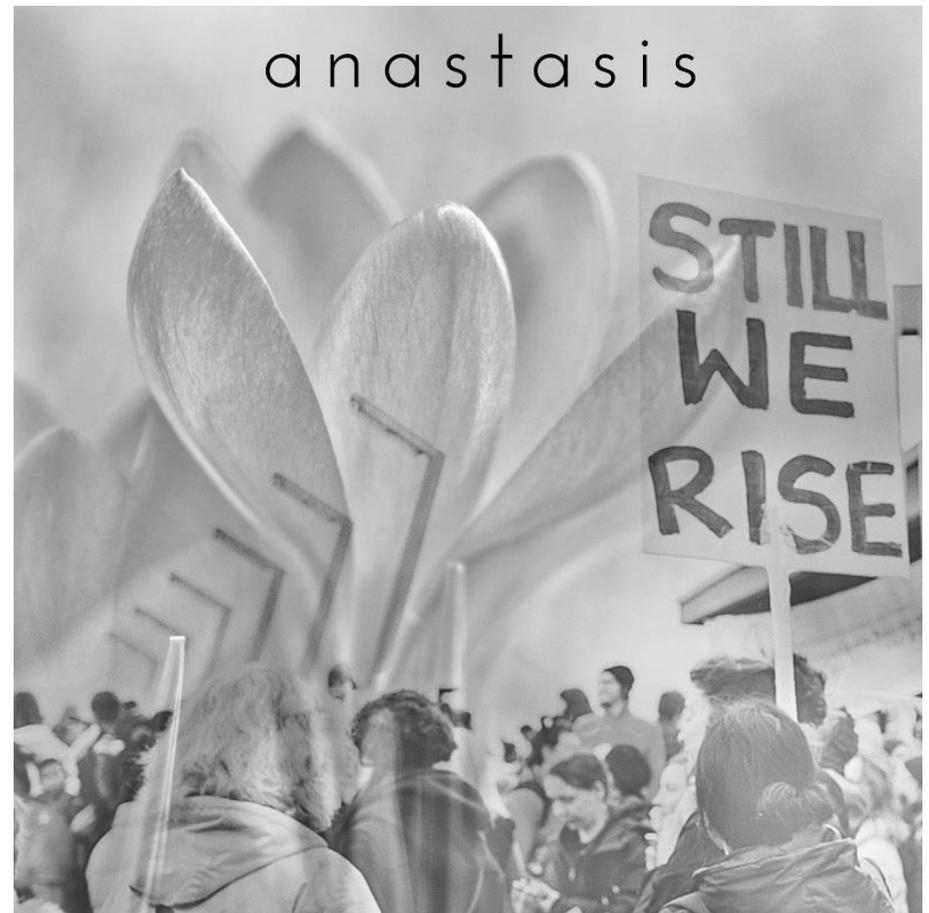
**Adult RE Music & Imagery Workshop**, Saturday, May 5

**May Potluck Lunch & Just Mercy book discussion**, Sunday, May 6

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

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



April 1, 2018

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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~ Order of Service ~  
April 1, 2018

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

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *We Are the Ones We Been Waitin' For* B. Johnson Reagon

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 *Long-handled Spoons*

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 *Siyahamba* #1030

Reading *Seen* by Jan Richardson

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *Holy Now* Peter Mayer

Sermon *anastasis*

Postlude *Greater Than* Brian Tate

\*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 the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Pam Allenstein, pianist. This Easter Sunday, we remind ourselves that we need not wait for divine intervention; WE are the ones we've been waiting for, WE can find the holy in everything, and LOVE is greater than all the evils in the world. We awaken ourselves to that love and strive to enlighten our world with actions guided by it.

**Religious Exploration** Weather permitting, the Chalice Children will go outside this morning for an egg hunt. The Roots & Shoots friends will rehearse their presentations for next Sunday's Potluck and Central Asian Banquet. They will also have an opportunity to join in the "Easter Egg Fun." The Coming of Age and Youth Groups will enjoy a beautiful video showing coming of age rituals from across the world (movie snacks provided).

**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 with the goal of creating a path to a place they call home.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> is Potluck Sunday!** Please join us for a Central Asian Banquet. You are welcome to share your own Central Asian or Middle Eastern dish. During the potluck gathering the Roots & Shoots class will share their projects and presentations on the state of education for women and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

**Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14** 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)

**Appetizers & Desserts Needed!** To make things easier for everyone we are asking for single-portion finger foods for **appetizers** (like cheese & crackers, veggie tray, stuffed mushrooms, deviled eggs, tea sandwiches, Swedish meatballs, fruit tray, etc.) and **bite sized desserts** (like cookies, brownies, chocolate truffles, pumpkin/banana/nut breads, mini cream puffs, etc.). Please email [lauri.guinard@gmail.com](mailto:lauri.guinard@gmail.com) or [cathyablanchet@gmail.com](mailto:cathyablanchet@gmail.com) if you can help.