

**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.)**

**Pledge Check-Up** June 30<sup>th</sup> marks the end of our fiscal year but it is also the mid-way point for our pledge year. Now is a good time to log on to your Realm account and see where you are with your payments. Contact the church office if you have questions or need assistance.

“We believe that generously sharing our gifts and receiving the gifts of others grows our compassion. We find our gift flow from discerning the intersection of our heart’s deepest yearning and the world’s deepest hunger. We know ourselves to be most alive when we honor the earth and all humanity upon it.” -from Mill Creek’s *Values, Beliefs and Mission*

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### **Upcoming Mill Creek Events**

**Potluck Lunch**, today after service

**Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, May 15

**Book Group**, Thursday, May 16

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting**, Sunday, June 2

### **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

Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**May 12, 2019**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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~ Order of Service ~  
May 12, 2019

Prelude *A la Puerta del Cielo* arr. Albrecht

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 *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden* #1067

Reading *Mother's Day Proclamation* by Julia Ward Howe

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering

Sermon ***Spiritual Resistance*** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Flower Communion

Postlude *Erev Shel Shoshanim* arr. Klevenow

**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 Tracy Morgan, [tracymorgan2000@verizon.net](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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.

**Music today** is performed by the Mill Creek choir, with Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Director, and Pam Allenstein, pianist. In honor of Mother's Day, we present "A la Puerta del Cielo" and "Let Me Find Some Quiet Place". In honor of today's flower communion, our postlude is "Erev Shel Shoshanim", an Israeli folk song translated as "An Evening of Roses". This beautiful piece is often used at weddings when the bride enters the canopy. For mothers, Mother Earth and the beautiful gardens of May, our opening hymn is #1067 "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden".

**Religious Exploration** Following the Story for All Ages, all Children and Youth are invited to depart to their classrooms for RE learning and fun.

**Share Our Plate** For the month of May, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to the Delaware Theatre Company, whose mission is to create theatre of the highest professional quality in Delaware and thereby enrich the vitality of the area through artistic programming, education and community service. Since 1979, the theatre has produced 220 mainstage productions, seen by more than one million patrons, and has impacted over 100,000 people through its Education and Community Engagement programs. Learn more at [www.delawaretheatre.org](http://www.delawaretheatre.org)

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon**

The purpose of the annual business meeting shall be to hear reports of officers and staff, to elect new trustees, including the President and nominating committee members, and to adopt an annual budget.

**Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.** Everyone is welcome to join us in the meadow when we gather to tackle some light gardening and yard chores around our church property. Hope to see you this Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mill Creek Book Group** Our current read, *Inheritance, A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro, will be discussed at our upcoming meeting this Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, [dkoepcke@hotmail.com](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com)