

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.)

Opportunities for Engagement at Mill Creek

There are several ways to engage in the Mill Creek community beyond Sunday service. If you are looking for ways to deepen your connections with others, consider joining a **Chalice Circle**, which are small groups of people who gather monthly to share in a safe and confidential environment. Or perhaps you'd like to be part of a **Hospitality Team**, whose members alternate to help provide refreshments after Sunday service. Or maybe you'd enjoy being part of the **Book Group** when they meet periodically for stimulating discussions on a wide variety of books. For information about these opportunities *and more*, contact the church office, administrator@uusmc.org

Pledge Check-Up June 30th 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 access your Giving page to see where you are with your payments. Realm provides transparency, offering you the ability to see exactly how your payments are being processed. You can also make electronic payments...even recurring ones. Contact the church office if you need assistance or have any questions.

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, May 22

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 2

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister 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

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

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



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May 19, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
May 19, 2019

Prelude O Young and Fearless Prophet #276

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 The Roots & Shoots Players

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 O Prophet Souls of All the Years #272
(verses 1, 3 & 5 only)

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Comfort Me #1002

Meditation

Our Whole Lives Recognition

Offering Skye Boat Song arr. Althouse

Sermon **Of What Profit?** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude Adinu arr. A. deQuadros, S. Abu-Khader

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, or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, 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 and Gordon Roth, soloist. Music this morning centers around prophetic voices of two historically major religions - Christian and Sufi. The text of *Adinu*, a traditional Sufi melody, is attributed to the Andalusian Moorish Sufi mystic, philosopher, and poet Abu Abdillah Muhammad (1165-1240). He believed that love was the dominant universal force. The text of the solo translates to: "I follow the religion of love, wherever love is found, for love is my religion and my faith."

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. Learn more at www.delawaretheatre.org

--Announcements--

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 2nd, 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, adopt an annual budget, and hear any business before the congregation.

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 22nd.