

celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live  
in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

*January 18, 2015*

*MLK, Jr. Sunday*



## **Wiesbaden Unitarian Universalists**

### **The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to 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 world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all

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*Love is the spirit of this church, the quest of truth its sacrament, service its prayer.*

**Welcome**

**Greetings** Dorcy Erlandson, president *European Unitarian Universalists*

**Prelude** Albert Manders, flute

**Chalice Lighting** In unison:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Hymn 188** *Come, Come Whoever You Are*

**Opening Reading**

“I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. But from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice.”  
Theodore Parker

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*We invite you to light a candle at this time as an expression of your joy or concern that you'd like to share.*

*“I light this last candle for all joys and concerns left unspoken this day.”*

**Story for All Ages**

*Is There Really a Human Race*

by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura

Cornell

*“Go now in peace, go now in peace/May the spirit of love surround you/  
Everywhere, everywhere/ You may go.”*

**Second Reading**

“I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”

Martin Luther King Jr, Noble Peace Prize acceptance speech,

10 December 1964, Oslo, Norway

**Meditation**

**Hymn 114** *Forward through the Ages*

**Homily**

*“Audacious Hope”* Darrel Moellendorf

**Discussion**

What do we hope for?

Why do we think the object of our hope is attainable?

What sustains our hopes?

**Hymn 100** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

**Benediction**

“It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We lay foundations that will need further development.

"We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning...an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

"We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

**Extinguishing the Chalice      In unison:**

*“We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These, we carry in our hearts until we are together again.”*



Please join us for refreshment and conversation after the service.

**Upcoming Events**

Our next discussion group will be at 14:00 on 1 February 2015 in the Hainerberg Chapel basement. The theme is **The Roots of UU**.

Our next service will be at 14:00 on 15 February 2015 in the Hainerberg Chapel basement. The theme is **Principled Freedom: Identity and (Re)Action in the 21st Century**, led by Terri Michos.

**Musical Notes**

The lyrics of “Come, come whoever you are” are by the Persian and Sufi poet Jalal al-Din Rumi (1207-1273). The music is by Lynn Adair Ungar (1963- ), a Unitarian Universalist minister and educator.

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” is an African American spiritual of unknown origin. The first three items of the “fruit of the Spirit” in Galatians 5:22 are love, joy, and peace.

“Forward Through the Ages”, was an anthem of the Social Gospel movement. It was written by Unitarian minister Frederick Lucien Hosmer (1848-1929) while he served a Unitarian church in California. It replaced the militaristic imagery of "Onward Christian Soldiers" with a broader evocation of spiritual mission and unity. It is also included in the United Methodist Hymnal as #555.

**Unitarian Universalist Sources**

Unitarian Universalism draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which