



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

Weekly E-News April 26, 2020

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Sunday Morning Worship Service April 26, 2020 | 11:30am The Ordination of theresa rohlck

This week's Sunday Worship can be viewed using this [link](#). Scroll to "Worship Service"

and click on the link.

Dear friends:

Many of you may know that our congregation voted to ordain theresa rohlck into the Unitarian Universalist ministry at our January 2020 Congregational Meeting. That ordination was scheduled for June 6, 2020, however in conversation and collaboration with theresa, we are moving the Act of Ordination to **this Sunday, April 26, included in our regular 11:30am online Sunday service**, with an in-person celebration of the ordination subsequently in the next congregational year.

There are many reasons for this: it is unclear what the public health situation in the state of Michigan might be like in early June; we may not be able to gather, as a community, in person; if we are able to gather, it may be unclear what losses we may collectively need to hold and mourn, and a celebratory event might feel 'off'; and, perhaps most importantly, theresa requested that our community ordain her earlier, as in these pandemic times her ability to minister with the formal title of 'Reverend' is helpful to her pastoral work at St. Joseph's Hospital. As such, we invite you to **join us this Sunday, April 26 at 11:30am online** at www.uuaa.org/service for the opportunity to honor, bless, and officially ordain theresa rohlck into the Unitarian Universalist ministry!

Much love,

Manish

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti
Senior Minister.

Sunday Social Time

Sunday, April 26, Immediately After the Service

Join fellow congregants for a virtual Social Time via Zoom. Participants will be broken into small chat rooms. So grab a cup of coffee and click on this [Social Time Zoom link](#).

To view or listen to past Sunday Services, [click here](#).



If you would like to contribute to the Weekly Offering, [click here](#).



One-Time Chalice Circle

Saturday, April 25, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Space remains in our second virtual one-time Chalice Circle on the topic of "possibility."

Chalice Circles are small discussions groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences, thoughts, and feelings. We have held several virtual Chalice Circles using zoom, and they have been a huge success. This is a great time to give a Chalice Circle a try.

Register online [here](#). Registration will be limited to keep circles small. Send questions to chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

Babies and Bailouts

Sunday, April 26, 7:00pm

Black Lives of UU (National) is hosting Babies and Bailouts 2020: **The Moral Call to Decarcerate Now!** is taking place this coming Sunday. This year's panelists include Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, the co-director of the historic Highlander Center, Samantha Master of Free Black Mamas DMV, and Erin Miles Cloud from the Movement for Family Power who will speak directly to the impact of family separation by the state as a result of incarceration. The event will be streamed live: [BLUU Babies and Bailout event](#)
Questions? Email quiana@uuaa.org.

Pastoral Care Call

Monday, April 27, 11:00am-12:00pm



Wednesday, April 29, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Pastoral Care Call is hosted twice a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in need of additional support. On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, the pastoral care call conversation will be focused on the economic impact of COVID19- personal and community. The links are provided in the weekly Pastoral News or by request quiana@uuaa.org.



Meditation with Rev. Manish

Wednesday, April 29 | 4:00pm-5:00pm

As we find ways to be in community without meeting in person, please join an online meditation session with Rev. Manish:

[Use this link and scroll to "Weekly Meditation with Rev. Manish."](#)

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?

- Watch *Introduction to Meditation* produced by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube Channel. **[Use this link.](#)** (Posted 4/9)



Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering Zoom Meetup

Thursdays April 30, May 14 & 28, 6:30pm

We are creating community space to be heard, heal, and help each other. This inclusive BIPOC event will include a chalice lighting, reading, and space to dialogue. Families are encouraged to attend!

You must request the zoom link by emailing quiana@uuaa.org.



Save the Date

Friday Fun Night

Friday, May 8, 6:00pm-9:00pm

The Friday Fun Planning Team is working on a multigenerational evening of Zoom fun. Watch upcoming E-News postings for the link to take part. Questions? Email fridayfunnight@uuaa.org.

BRAVER/WISER

COURAGE AND COMPASSION FOR LIFE AS IT IS

Every Wednesday, Braver/Wiser posts a reflection on the [UUA website](#). This past week's reflection was from Rev. Manish.

We Cannot Escape One Another By Rev. Manish-Mishra Marzetti

"In all this madness, even if it kills every single one of us and there's no one left to tell the stories, it matters that we love each other well."

-Paul Richards, who died of AIDS, [as remembered](#) by Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie

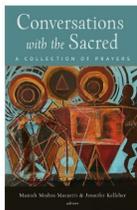
An invisible virus without any cure; a death sentence for some and not for others. This is all too familiar to me, as a gay man who came out at the age of twenty in the early 1990s, prior to the advent of any treatments for HIV. It felt like the possibility of the disease dominated every aspect of my existence in those tender days.

[Read more...](#)



Immigration Action Coalition (IAC) News

IAC has been active these past several weeks. Volunteers donated dozens of bars of soap to the Monroe County jail (200 men, 50 undocumented). We send a big thanks to Bill Lopez and UM School of Public Health students for organizing this effort. IAC recently gave Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights \$14,000 from UUAA Sanctuary funds to support undocumented immigrants in our community. WICIR has been able to deliver funding to 189 families at this time. IAC members are currently advocating (by mail and phone) for the release of persons held in ICE detention, especially due to health risks during Covid19.) If you have questions or would like to get involved, email iac@uuaa.org.



Conversations with the Sacred A Newly Released Book Edited by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti & Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

Bringing alive heartfelt words and artwork contributed by creators diverse in spiritual perspective and identity, [Conversations with the Sacred](#) is a moving testimony to the power of prayer. Prayers of love, lamentation, justice, inspiration, and transcendence -- all are here, thoughtfully selected by editors Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Rev. Jennifer Kelleher. Whatever your relationship to prayer, whether it comes naturally, you have a complicated history with it, or you have never prayed before, [Conversations with the Sacred](#) is a powerful and accessible resource for anyone looking to explore

or deepen a spiritual practice of reflection or prayer.

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti serves as senior minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has served as president of the Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) and as a trustee on the UUA Board of Trustees.

Rev. Jennifer Kelleher serves as the Assistant Minister of Lifespan Faith Development and Pastoral Care at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, New Jersey. She has served on several congregation clergy teams, as a hospital chaplain, and in chapter leadership within the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA).



Are You an Essential Worker?

Are you an essential worker who is still reporting in person to work? Then please snap a photo of you at work along with your job title and send to cassandra@uuuaa.org. We're working on a fun surprise!



Connecting with Small Group Ministries Via Zoom

To connect with your UUAA small group such as Chalice Bells, Chalice Circle, Men's Circle, and more, go to the [UUAA calendar](#). You may need to contact the listed group leader to get the Zoom link.



Learn about Programming for Children & Youth

To learn about programming for children and youth, email SGD@uuuaa.org.



Getting Started with Zoom

Use this [link for a quick tutorial to get started with Zoom](#).



Suspicious Emails

Please note that there have been a lot of email scams recently. Just today, I received "an investment opportunity" sent to a uuuaa.org email account. If you receive a request for money or gift cards from a UUAA staff member or received it through a group email address, do not

respond. It is always safest to contact the staff member using the congregation phone number or email address if you have questions. Do not reply to email you have received.

Quick Links:

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUA Events Calendar](#)

Other Links:

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)

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