

For more about the larger Unitarian Universalist denomination with which we are affiliated, go to:
<https://www.uua.org/>.

Good to know at UUSD:

UUSD is an intentionally multigenerational congregation and all ages are always welcome in the Sanctuary. Nursery Care for children ages 0-5 is also available on at least the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Children’s Faith Education programming is held at least 3 Sundays a month. For a place to listen to and watch the service if your child would like to move about, please enjoy the comforts of our Foyer. For any questions about Children’s Faith Exploration programming at UUSD, connect with Dr. Heather Hamilton at CFEDirector@uusd.org.

Our music program always welcomes new voices, instrumentalists, and accompanists. Reach out to our Director of Music Ministries, Julie Keefer, at DirMusicMin@uusd.org.

Office Administrator Sandy Scheet-Robitaille is available Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2:30pm and can be reached at Admin@uusd.org. Contact Sandy if you need a new or updated nametag. Nametag key: Yellow = Pastoral Care Associates; Green = Safety Response Volunteers; Blue = Board Members.

Recording - This worship service is being livestreamed and digitally recorded. Space is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who do not want their image or the images of their children live-streamed, recorded, archived, photographed, or posted on the UUSD’s website, social media, or in print.

UUSD Online Giving - Anyone can donate via the Donate link at the top right of the website at <https://uusd.org> or via the QR code to the right. Text-to-give is available at 302-321-1707. Members and Friends can donate via Give Now in the Breeze app. Contact our Office Admin if you need help accessing Breeze. Contact treasurer@uusd.org for questions about online giving. Our Annual Pledge Drive is in March and we also welcome new pledges at any time throughout the year. However you choose to do so, thank you for supporting UUSD!



Our Covenant of Good Relations

The members and friends of UUSD, in order to celebrate and nurture our search for meaning, connection, and acceptance, make this covenant with each other:

- I will seek to create a loving community, through worship and joyous community, that holds each member in safety, care, and trust.
- I will listen, reflect, and respond with respect.
- I will practice goodwill and assume it from others.
- I will speak from my own experience.
- I will speak responsibly and directly with those with whom I have conflict and honor our differences.
- I will be a positive participant in, and share responsibility for, the life of the church.
- I will strive with integrity to live by this covenant as an expression of the principles and purposes of the UUA.

(This Covenant was adopted by UUSD in 2002.)

**Unitarian Universalists
of Southern Delaware**

A Welcoming and Progressive
Spiritual Community

April 20, 2025



“A Stranger with Your Hair”
Rev. Heather Rion Starr

Our Vision

*We are a caring community dedicated to being
an inclusive, spiritual hub for our region
that responds to the needs of our changing world.*


Our Mission

*Nurture spiritual growth
Embrace diversity
Work for justice
Strive for a loving world*

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| April 20, 2025 | | |
| When music begins, help us to create a listening, meditative environment together. | | |
| Gathering Music | <i>Days of Plenty</i> (from Little Women) by Mindi Dickstein and Jason Howland | Julie Keefer Finn Sutton, soloist |
| | <i>Don't Forget About Me</i> by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman | Finn Sutton, soloist |
| Gathering Song | <i>Lo, the Earth Awakens/Joyful</i> arr. Podd Brothers, adapted by Julie Keefer | (see insert) |
| Opening Words | by Daniel Budd | Rev. Heather Rion Starr |
| Congregational response: We don't know what happened. | | |
| Chalice Lighting | by Rev. Dillman Baker Sorrells (adapted) For holy days on which we recall the old stories, we light the flame. For Passover, which reminds us of the courage and strength of those seeking freedom in the past, we light the flame. For Easter, which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge, we light the flame. For gathering today in this sacred space, we light the flame. | |
| Welcome and Announcements | | Don Peterson |
| Affirmation | | by Rev. James Vila Blake |
| Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another. | | |
| Centering Music | <i>Loveliest of Trees</i> by A. E. Housman | Julie Keefer |
| Joys and Sorrows | | Rev. Heather |
| Leader: In our joys and in our sorrows Congregation: We are not alone. | | |
| Prayer/Meditation | "The Humanist Speaks of Easter" by Rev. Kendyl Gibbons | |
| Song of Meditation #1002 <i>Comfort Me</i> (teal hymnal) | | |

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| Reading | "Gramma T" | Don Peterson |
| Offertory | <i>I Saw a Stranger with Your Hair</i> by John Gorka | Ron Parks, guitar |
| Reflection | "A Stranger with Your Hair" | Rev. Heather |
| Song of Reflection | <i>We Remember Them</i> by Susan LaBarr | UUSD Choir |
| Chalice Extinguishing | <i>Take the Fire</i> | by Ron Parks |
| Take the fire from this place, Let it shine on ev'ry face, Lift the light of truth and grace for all. Everyone plays a part; it's our mission and our art, As we joyously depart to serve. Peace, blessed be, namaste and amen, Seeking the path once again. Live in love, grow in grace, in each heart is sacred space. With compassion, we embrace the world. | | |
| Benediction | | Rev. Heather |
| Congregation: Stay awkward, stay brave, and be kind. —Brenè Brown | | |
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Good morning and welcome visitors! This is a place where we teach love, we encourage compassion and justice, and we celebrate diversity. Our services vary in form and content from week to week. We encourage you to join us for several weeks to get a more complete idea of who we are and what we are about.

Joys and Sorrows to be shared in the Sunday Update should be sent to Jean Charles at worship@uussd.org by 3pm Sunday. Please also email Jean if you are not receiving the Update and would like to.

Last week's participation: 145 Adults, 17 Children, 6 Visitors, 33 Live-streamed, 9 via Zoom.

Minister: Rev. Heather Rion Starr. Director of Music Ministries, Piano: Julie Keefer. Children's Faith Exploration (CFE) Director: Prof. Heather Hamilton. Guitar: Ron Parks. Bass: Rick Welk. Worship Associate: Don Peterson. Board Representative: Beth Law. Audio Visual Support: Cheryl Hickey. Featured Committee Table: Safer Congregation. Clean-up Crew: Property Management Committee.