

The Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence is an inclusive and welcoming intergenerational congregation of diverse spiritual beliefs and practices.

Our mission is to build a caring community where children and adults can safely learn and grow -- where we are supported and challenged on life's journeys,

called to service and to our higher selves, and inspired to better our world.

Sunday, July 15, 2012 *10:00 a.m.*

THE END OF THE WORLD?

*Please stand, as you are able. Latecomers may be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leah Dunham

PRELUDE The Big Rock Candy Mountain

McClintock

Recorded by Harry McClintock

OPENING WORDS #420

KINDLING THE CHALICE (unison)

*HYMN

#452

Old Hundredth

From all that dwell below the skies Let songs of hope and faith arise Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung Through every land, by every tongue De todos bajo el gran sol Surja esperanza, fe, amor Verdad, y belleza cantando, De cada tierra, cada voz.

STORY from *Jataka Tales*, by Ellen Babbitt

*COMMUNITY GREETING/SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

READING Yip Harburg, from *Hard Times* by Studs Terkel

OFFERTORY Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? Gorney/Harburg

DAMB, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano (arr. Drumm)

READING from Year of the Jackpot, by Robert A. Heinlein

*HYMN Oh Earth, You are Surpassing Fair #174

READING from Wikipedia, The Inner Light (Star Trek: TNG Episode)

INTERLUDE The End of the World Kent/Dee (arr. Drumm)

DAMB, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano

MEDITATION Fire and Ice, by Robert Frost

INTERLUDE Over the Rainbow Arlen/Harburg (arr. Drumm)

Elysse Link, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano

SERMON The End of the World? David Mix Barrington

* HYMN Just as Long as I Have Breath #6

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CLOSING WORDS from Tea Time for the Traditionally Built, by Alexander McCall Smith

POSTLUDE It's the End of the World As We Know It Buck/Mills/Berry/Stipe

recorded by R.E.M.

Join us after the service today for lemonade and conversation in the Parlor.

Please refrain from applause while the chalice is lit.

Thanks to Leah, to our ushers, and to the Welcome Team. Also thanks to my sister, the Rev. Jennie Barrington, who kindly read a first draft of the sermon.

Text of the sermon and readings will be available soon at http://www.cs.umass.edu/~barring/uu/service12

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Our services are audio-transmitted to the Parlor, next to the Great Hall. With toys and comfortable furniture, this is a good space for parents of infants and other children to hear the service while children play. Please remember that some in the congregation, particularly those with hearing loss, may have trouble listening to the service if there are distractions in the Great Hall. Thanks.

MUSIC

Two of today's old songs need no introduction, but you may not have known they shared a lyricist. Harry McClintock recorded his hobo song in 1928 and it appears on the soundtrack of the film *Oh Brother Where Art Thou? The End of the World* was a 1962 hit for country singer Skeeter Davis, and R.E.M.'s similarly titled song is from 1987.

Karl has played and accompanied me at summer services for several years now. Elysse Link, who was his neighbor last summer, is also my longtime colleague in Valley Light Opera and sings in many other places as well. Many thanks to them both.

FLOWERS

This morning's flowers are arranged by Sally Lawton.

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