



100 Years of Flowers

With
Reverend Janet Newton

“We must first allow ourselves to be captured by the goodness, truth, or beauty of something beyond and outside ourselves. Then we universalize from that moment to the goodness, truth, and beauty of the rest of reality, until our realization eventually ricochets back to include ourselves.” —Richard Rohr

“It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously for sacred ideals. Even though disappointed a thousand times or fallen in the fight and everything would worthless seem, I have lived amidst eternity — be grateful, my soul — my life was worth living.” — Norbert F. Čapek

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Jennifer Knight

Prelude

Jonathan Halperin

Call to Worship Adapted from Helen Cohen Responsive Reading

Leader: We stand at the edge of summer.

**Congregation: The sun has at last warmed us enough
that we begin to trust in its presence.**

Leader: The last burst of spring blossoms,
lavender and white and deep pink banks of rhododendron,
are giving way to summer peonies and roses.

Congregation: O source of the turning seasons,

Leader: Of earth, of life, of promise gradually becoming fulfillment,
may your people find a lightening of the burdens with the brightening
of the sky.

**Congregation: May we find solace in this warmth,
in this worship,
in this wonder.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together. Come let us find and make worth
together.

Chalice Lighting

Through this flame may the wisdom of ages
speak to us and stay in us:
every one of us can be a blessing to the world.

~ Petr Samojsky, from the Religious Society of Czech Unitarians

***Opening Hymn** *The Sweet June Days* #65

Time for All Ages

***Hymn** *Color and Fragrance* #78 (Verses 1 & 2)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Jennifer Knight

Sung Response *Loosen, Loosen by Aly Halpert*

Loosen, loosen, baby

You don't have to carry

The weight of the world in your muscles and bones

Let go, let go, let go

Holy breath, and holy name

Will you ease, will you ease this pain

Pastoral Prayer (Čapek, Adapted) Rev. Janet

Reading *Heliconia ramonensis: A Flower and Its Hummingbird*

***Hymn** *Color and Fragrance* #78 (Verses 3 & 4)

Offering Jennifer Knight
Offertory J. Halperin

Reflection Rev. Janet

Flower Communion Ritual

***Hymn** *Color and Fragrance* #78 (verses 5 & 6)

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements:

Our service today is the 100th anniversary of a beloved UU tradition: flower communion Sunday. You are invited to bring flower(s) from your life to add to our shared bouquet. If you have flowers to add, please do so before the service. If you did not bring a flower, please do not let that stop your participation in the ritual — we will have plenty to share.

Thank you to Justin Myers, Jack Street, Bill Bridwell and Alicia Lesnikowska for volunteering for welcome, refreshments, greeting and service support and for providing visual arts/flowers today.

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval, Susan Desmarais) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can find their contact information in the member's section of the website: www.uusmv.org/community/members/, or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com for a direct contact (available to members and non-members).

Coming Events:

Join UUSMV in the Pride Parade

Mark your calendar to participate with UUSMV in the 2nd Annual Oak Bluffs Pride Parade. The parade begins at **3:00 pm on Saturday June 10**. Bring your own pride flags and or homemade pride signs. Information on when & where to meet will be provided in next week's newsletter.

UUSMV Online Auction June 9 - June 18

Many amazing and unique items and experiences to bid on. You can view our auction at: www.biddingforgood.com/UUSMV

