



Writing a Prayer of Gratitude to Mother Nature

with
Ursula Goodenough

No barefooted, tree climbing, frog holding, mud pie baking, cloud spotting, puddle stomping, bird calling, wild foraging, moon gazing, firefly chasing, fort building, creek following, rock hunting moment with Mother nature is ever wasted.

-- Nicolette Sowder

Welcome

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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Reading *Sleeping in the Forest* by Mary Oliver

I thought the earth
remembered me, she
took me back so tenderly, arranging
her dark skirts, her pockets
full of lichens and seeds. I slept
as never before, a stone
on the riverbed, nothing
between me and the white fire of the stars
but my thoughts, and they floated
light as moths among the branches
of the perfect trees. All night
I heard the small kingdoms breathing
around me, the insects, and the birds
who do their work in the darkness. All night
I rose and fell, as if in water, grappling
with a luminous doom. By morning
I had vanished at least a dozen times
into something better.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

Hymn *Spirit of Life*

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Offering

Offertory Music Jeremy Berlin and Jessica Goodenough Sanseverino

Sermon *Writing a Prayer of Gratitude to Mother Nature* Ursula Goodenough

The Mother Nature's Prayer

Our Mother, who art within us,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy ways evolve,
 Thy will calls forth
 This earth that is now our heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And fill us with tenderness
 As we repair our trespasses.
 And lead us not into destruction
 But deliver us into harmony.
 For thine is our wellspring
 And our substrate and our glory
 Forever and ever, amen.

Hymn *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

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Benediction

“What in your life is calling you, when all the noise is silenced, the meetings adjourned...the lists laid aside, and the wild iris blooms by itself in the dark forest... what still pulls on your soul?” -- Rumi (2107-1273)

Postlude

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Peter Meleny and Karen Sankey for volunteering to provide service support for today's service and to Linda Moffat for flowers/visual arts.

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 reach them individually by calling: Jan Casey (508-942-3643)

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