

# **March 2024 Worship Services**

## ***March Worship Theme: Covenant***

### **March 3: Reciprocity and the Art of Being Human – First Giving Sunday**

Whether we remember or forget, the truth is that we are radically interdependent with each other and all of life. The coffee we drank this morning comes from the earth, the farmer, the migrant worker, the driver, the store, and the local café. The gifts of coffee beans deepen as we connect to neighbors, friends, children who pull at our sleeves, as we sip and savor the aroma and taste. Join Reverend Rebecca as she explores the themes of reciprocity, interdependence, and hope in a world filled with fear and regret. This is our Giving Sunday when we celebrate all that has come before and all that we can imagine becoming. We are a welcoming congregation, where all are welcome, where democracy is understood to be a cornerstone of health, and where science and religion find common ground. This service invites us to remember what matters most in our lives, and to honor that in ourselves and each other.

### **March 10: Separate Paths in Service to Shared Values: An Invitation to Consider Dharma and Callings in Our Lives**

Reverend Rebecca and Sarina Khan Reddy will explore the role of Dharma, or life purpose, as it relates to being an individual and being part of a community. We will look at what it means to embody our beliefs and take actions consistent with what we know to be true. Reverend Rebecca invites us to take a step back and imagine the future we want to create. What promises do we need to make to ourselves and others in order to live an authentic life? This is our second Giving Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

### **March 17: Blessings – with Julie Parker Amery, Director of Faith Formation and Spiritual Exploration**

How does one wrap up nearly a quarter of a century of service to the FRS? I can only try by sharing blessings. Please join me as I look back on my time at the FRS and reflect on some of the gifts I've received.

Please join us in the Lower Meetinghouse after church to wish Julie well on her next chapter!

### **March 24: The Path of Covenant – with guest minister Rev. Laurel Gray**

Join us for this Palm Sunday service about the covenantal promise at the heart of Unitarian Universalism and the practice of turning towards what is most important to us. Just as laying down palms for Jesus as he entered Bethlehem was an act of love and humility, so are the ways that we keep returning to our own covenants as Unitarian Universalists.

Rev. Laurel Gray is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist who is currently serving the congregation in Westborough, MA. A creative at heart, Rev. Laurel worked in the fashion and textile industry

before becoming a minister. She spends her free time making her own clothing, reading, and exploring the great outdoors with her dog, Henry.

### **March 31: Easter Sunday: What If? A Different Way of Seeing**

Join us for our annual Easter service with joyful music offered by our Young Church and adult choirs, and brass! Reverend Rebecca will preach, inviting us to consider a way of understanding Easter that is inclusive and non-dogmatic. Based upon the work and study of Professor S. Mark Heim, this approach resonates deeply with UU values and the interdependence of individual and collective liberation. There will be an Easter egg hunt outside during the sermon before all of us return to the sanctuary to celebrate Spring.