

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church



Blessings of the Animals

ANNOUNCEMENTS -- THIS WEEK ...

Worship Committee will meet at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27th at the church.

Join us next Sunday when our minister, the Reverend Mary Moore will speak on *We Forgive Ourselves and Each Other*, as the high holy days of Judaism, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, draw near.

Flowers for the altar – if you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service, please call or e-mail Gloria Groves at 470-2533, hellonwheels1203@bellsouth.net. This is a nice way to remember or honor a loved one and your flowers will be acknowledged in the Order of Service. You don't need to purchase an expensive creation from a florist; bring some flowers from your garden, a bouquet from the supermarket, or your own creative arrangement to add some beauty to our altar. After the service, please take them home to enjoy.

SPECIAL THANKS ...

To our teens for helping to set up and present this service.

To all who donated supplies to the pet victims of Hurricane Katrina and to Nancy Bessler who volunteered to take them to PetSafe.

To Ilsa Anderson and Nick Potter for greeting this morning.

To Mary Donovan, our pianist

To Jan Coe for providing her key board

To Kelly Douglass for making sure our church building is clean and welcoming

To Sue Draper for providing flowers for today's service in remembrance of the many wonderful animals that have enriched her life: Chauncey, George, Poochie, Brownie, Pooh Kitty, Unk, Sebastian, Hugs, Kisses, and Morgan.

shin - ing moon with sil - ver gleam: Al - le -
 stars of eve - ning find a voice: Al - le -
 bless us with your warmth and light: Al - le -

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
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lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

4. Embracing earth, you, day by day,
 bring forth your blessings on our way,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
 let them the glory also show:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia!

5. All you of understanding heart,
 forgiving others, take your part,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Let all things now the Holy bless,
 and worship God in humbleness:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia!

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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1. All crea - tures of the earth and sky, come,
2. Swift rush - ing wind so wild and strong, white
3. Cool flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make

kin - dred, lift your voic - es high, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
mu - sic for all life to hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, soft
lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, high
lu - ia! Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright, and

Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226, alt.
Music: From *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang*, 1623, adapt. and
harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, music used by perm. of
Oxford University Press

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8.8.4.4.8.8.
with Alleluia

Order of Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erika Brandt

PRELUDE

Mary Donovan

CHALICE LIGHTING

the Douglass Family

**HYMN

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

Ben Bidwell

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

REFLECTION

Bobby Metz

REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED PETS

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Gloria Groves

OFFERTORY

Mary Donovan

MESSAGE

Blessings from and for our Companion Animals

The Rev. Mary Moore

BLESSING OF THE PETS

** HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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BENEDICTION

** Please stand as willing and able

Please join us for coffee in the sanctuary after the service.

WELCOME TO WESTSIDE...

Our Mission: As a church committed to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, our mission is to encourage and foster a diverse, nurturing, and spiritual environment within the church and wider community.

We gather as a community of memory and hope, celebrating the unity within our diversity and committed to the purposes and principles of Unitarian Universalism, including:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and the community at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder;
- Words and deeds of prophetic men and women;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Membership is open to all who are in sympathy with our mission and principles and who assume the privileges and responsibilities of membership. If you are interested in membership, please let us know and we will explain how to join.

If you are visiting today, we are honored to have you with us. Please feel free to remain after the service for coffee and fellowship, and sign the guest book by the entryway to receive a newsletter and more information about our church.

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