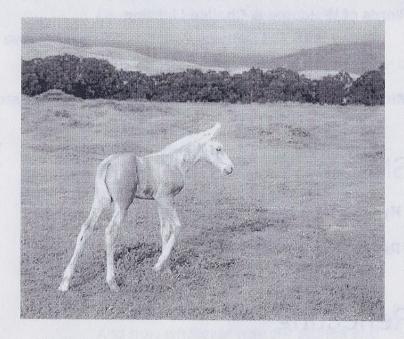


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#### **A Welcoming Congregation**



# There Must Be a Pony Somewhere: Taking a Fresh Look at Hope

The Rev. Mary Moore, Guest Speaker April 15, 2007

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#### Please silence your cell phones during the service. Thank you.

\*indicates to please stand

### Gathering

#### **Call to Worship**

**Prelude** "Hope" from Songs without Words, Felix Mendelssohn Lenora Thom, Director of Music

#### **Words of Welcome & Chalice Lighting**

**9:15 AM** Deborah Pirie, Board Representative **11:15 AM** Mary Alm, Board Representative

Minister's Greeting The Rev. Mary Moore, Guest Minister

### **Shaping Our Community**

\*Hymn #361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In

\*Responsive Reading #470

### Reflecting

**Musical Reflection** "For Good" from *Wicked* Stephen Schwartz Pamela Miller and Connie Schrader, soloists

I've heard it said
That people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led
To those who help us most to grow

If we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you:

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
I have been changed for good

It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You'll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine
By being my friend:

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a sky bird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you:

Because I knew you:
I have ben changed for good

And just to clear the air
I ask forgiveness
For the things I've done you blame me for
But then, I guess we know
There's blame to share
And none of it seems to matter anymore

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better? I do believe I have been changed for the better

And because I knew you:
Because I knew you:
Because I knew you:
I have been changed for good.

#### **Spoken & Silent Meditation**

Hymn #95 There Is More Love Somewhere

**Readings** "Hope, Not Optimism," by Bruce T. Marshall Read by Ruth Beard and Cleve Mathews

> "Hope Is a Tattered Flag," by Carl Sandburg Read by Pete Tolleson

Sermon There Must Be a Pony Somewhere: Taking a Fresh
Look at Hope
The Rev. Mary Moore, Interim Minister,
Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, Knoxville, TN

**Offertory** The Rainbow Connection/I Wish You Love, Paul Williams/Charles Trenet

If you wish to silently raise up a joy or concern, you are invited to come forward, light a candle in the chalice.

### Going Forth Together

\*Hymn #346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

\*Closing Words

\*Closing Song (sung twice), trad. words; music by David Bates

May the long time sun shine upon you, And all love surround you. May the pure light within you Guide your way home.

Postlude Postlude in D, J. S. Bach

### Fellowship & Community

You are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation in Sandburg Hall, immediately across the foyer.



The flowers today are in celebration of **Lenora Thom** and the music she brings to us and out of us.

#### Next Sunday, April 22, 2007 9:15 & 11:15 AM

## Respect for the Independent Web of All Existence of Which We Are a Part: Realizing Our Seventh Principle

The Rev. Mark Ward, Minister

Of the world's religious movements, ours is the only one that as a central principle calls its members to honor the way of all life. How, then, do we honor that call? This service will be fully intergenerational.

Volunteer Teams	9:15 AM	11:15 AM	
Logistics	Craig Strong		
Office	See Info. Table	Margaret Moodie	
Social Hour	Bruce Larson	Juliana Austin & Patti Vanderbeek	
Visitor's Table	Jim Weekly	Rosemary O'Keefe	
Library	Martha Shepard		
Greeters	Mary Januszewski	Tom O'Keefe & Maureen Kampen	
Ushers	Wilbur Oliphant & Dave Christie	Peter & Judy Olevnik	
Program Assembly	Christy Gunther & Grace Curry		

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