

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland

A progressive religious community welcoming all



April 19, 2020

“The Great Escape”

Led by Eric Severson, Minister

**Connie Ofori-Dankwa, Melanie Willison, Heather Cleland-Host
Sarah Nuss-Warren, and Wendy Altmeier**

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Order of Service April 19, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Connie Ofori-Dankwa, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting “[Like the First Hint of Green](#)” Chalice Lighting by Jennifer McGlothin

As the first hint of green begins to peek through the barren ground
As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem
As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a bud
As that bud slowly opens with each new day
To form a yellow daffodil

Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed by the warm[th] of the sun’s rays
And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready to face the day.
We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that warmth into our space.

Opening Words “[Whatever the Need](#)” by Albert F Ciarcia

Opening Hymn #153 “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning” African American spiritual

Melanie Willison, accompanist

Story for All Ages “The Quails and the Hunter” from *Buddha at Bedtime* by Dharmachari Nagaraja

Read by Heather Cleland-Host

Joys and Sorrows (*Please “raise your hand” in Zoom to share a brief joy or sorrow*)

Meditation “[Giver of Being and Freedom](#)” by George Kimmich Beach

Reading [Excerpts from “For the Sake of the Common Good”](#) by Erika A Hewitt and Becky Brooks

Read by Connie Ofori-Dankwa

Interlude “Fun At Home” by Aram Khatchaturian

Reflections “The Great Escape”

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Offering *To donate online, [click here](#)*

Offertory “Gigue en Rondeau” by Jean Phillippe Rameau

Closing Hymn #151 “I Wish I Knew How” words and music by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas;
arr. by Mary Allen Walden

Chalice Extinguishing/Closing Words [“Remembering our Spiritual, Courageous Ancestors”](#)

by Rhys Williams

Remembering our spiritual, courageous ancestors who forsook oppression with security to gain freedom with opportunity, may we go forth to master ourselves by accepting duty with responsibility, by showing balance in our judgments and by having breadth of vision in our deliberations.

May we be exemplars of that spirit, moving forward with conviction and commitment, with unity and without uniformity, with brotherhood and sisterhood to serve the truth that sets us free.
Amen.

Virtual Coffee Hour *“What are you looking forward to doing (responsibly) again?”*

You will be randomly assigned to breakout rooms for small group conversations. If your breakout room is empty, please return to the main room and you will be re-assigned as needed. Five minutes before the rooms are closed, you will receive a chat message before closing the rooms.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland – Fellowship Staff

Eric Severson, Minister

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