



What does it mean to be a people of becoming?

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 - 10:30 AM

THE REV. DR. TERRENCE ELLEN AND THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE: *BECOMING SERVANTS OF OTHERS AND THE FUTURE*

On this Earth Day, we all have a unique, hopeful opportunity to meet the issue of climate change with the urgency required by the I.P.C.C. time limit. This is our precious chance to be of service to the young, to the most vulnerable, to the future generations, to the other species, and to our own self-respect and souls. So let us consider that opportunity and several knowledgeable, specific ways to respond to it. So much rests on using this chance well.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION


Especially as we face the climate crisis, we are called to become people of the Earth rather than people over the Earth. Our 7th UU Principle inspires us towards this with its call to have "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." So, what's one of the ways our faith guides us into being a people of Becoming? It says, "Honor your connection to the earth by becoming a protector of it!" Those with children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade are invited to join us at 9 AM to talk about Earth day and our 7th Principle. We look forward to seeing those registered for Our Whole Lives class (Grades 5-7) at 3:30 PM Sunday under the porch at TUUC. Those in 8th through 12th Grades are invited to join us for a bonfire picnic area at TUUC on Saturday at 7 PM. Contact Joyce at tuudre@towwsonuuc.org for details and to RSVP.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 SERVICE INFORMATION

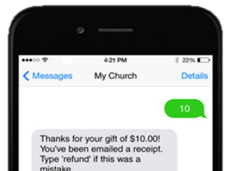
For Sunday, April 18, please join us at 10:15 AM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.

[Zoom Link](#) for service

Meeting ID: 871 0274 3308 Passcode: 804926



VESPERS SERVICE
MONDAY, APRIL 19
"What do UU's mean by the word "love"?"
7-7:30 PM



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CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Last Easter, Dr. Neil Porter texted me, “Do you know the response to ‘He is risen?’” I texted back, “Alleluia?” This guess was rooted in the reality that the Unitarian Universalist congregation in which I was raised focused more on singing Alleluias than on liturgies celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Neil was clearly disappointed that my theological education did not include the Easter liturgy. He texted back the proper response, “He is risen, indeed.”

As we prepare to celebrate our second Easter in virtual space, I have been thinking about the stories of the resurrection. The oldest of the resurrection stories does not have loved ones at a tomb, a stone that needs to be rolled away, or angels. About 20 years after the death of Jesus, Paul tells the Corinthians that Jesus died, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day and that he appeared to Peter, to the Twelve, and to many others.

The gospel accounts, which were written 65-110 years after the death of Jesus vary as to which women were at the tomb and how many angels greeted them and what the angels said. What the gospel accounts have in common is that the disciples do not immediately recognize Jesus. In John, Mary mistakes him for a gardener. In Matthew, some of the disciples doubt his appearance. In Luke, the disciples Cleopas and Simon do not recognize Jesus as they walk together on the road to Emmaus. And in John, the resurrected Jesus has to go through a locked door not once, but twice, in order to convince doubting Thomas.

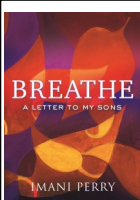
Resurrection does not mean resuscitation. Jesus did not return to live his life as the person he had been. He was not recognized by his disciples. What his disciples sought to embody in their own lives after his death was his legacy of love. At the end of the gospel of John, Jesus instructs Simon Peter, “Feed my sheep.”

Our spiritual question for April is, “What does it mean to be a people of becoming?” This particular Easter reminds me that as a people of becoming, we never become who we once were. What resonates is our experience that out of loss and grief new life arises. We are not the same person. But life continues.

Our hope, this Easter, is that we will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; be able to safely hug our family and friends; go back to work; go back to school; and return to our church building. But we will not go back to being who we were before March of 2020. We have been changed by this pandemic. How we do church will also change as a result to ensure that everyone who wants to participate can do so---even when not geographically in the same location.

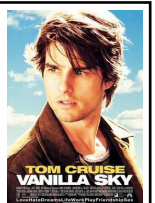
What will not change is our commitment to become people whose legacy is seeking truth, loving deeply, and working for racial, social, and environmental justice.

Alleluia! He is risen. He is risen indeed!



COMMON READ
NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY, APRIL 19: 7:30PM

CABIN FEVER
“VANILLA SKY” (2001)
SUNDAY, APRIL 25: 4PM



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

NEWS ABOUT US

Congratulations to TUUC member Steve Finner for his upcoming recognition by the Johns Hopkins University--Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology. On June 1, Steve will be presented with an award of recognition for his service to the Division during the early Covid-19 pandemic time. Thank you for your service to the wider community in a challenging time, Steve! ---*Rev. Clare*

SOCRATES CAFÉ—NEXT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

The TUUC Socrates Cafe will be meeting this coming Monday evening, April 19, from 7:30-9:00 PM. The question for probing, suggested by Michael Magrogan, is: "What makes us happy?" Should be a thought-provoking discussion! The Zoom Invite Link will go out to all the regulars two days before, on the 17th. New participants are always welcome--so if you'd like to join us, please email Nancy Caswell at socratescafe@towsonuuc.org to be added to the mailing list. A quote from Socrates: "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." *Namaste!*

TUUC ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 AT 12:30 PM

Spring has sprung! Although it is still early days to think about eating in a restaurant, Janet Kuperstein and I think it's time to try ethnic lunch at Oregon Ridge again. People are invited to get a takeout meal at the ethnic restaurant of their choice and gather at the pavilion behind the dinner theater at Oregon Ridge at 12:30 on Wednesday, April 21. Meals will not be shared and TUUC continues to ask everyone to wear face masks when not eating. There are lots of tables and so it is easy to spread out. Janet and I are looking for an ethnic restaurant with outdoor seating that we can try for May. If anyone knows of some place that has sufficient seating for a group, let us know and we will check it out. RSVP for April 21 ethnic lunch to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org. Rain date is Wednesday, April 28 - *Claudia Sumler & Janet Kuperstein*

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP HAPPY HOUR—SATURDAY, APRIL 24 AT 4PM

The group will have a happy hour chat in virtual space. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's to 80's, but gladly welcome anyone to join us. Please call Ronald Rowley to RSVP and to get more information. He is listed in the church directory.

HELP WANTED—TEEN/YOUNG-ADULT SINGERS FOR VIRTUAL CHOIR PROJECT THIS MONTH

Help wanted for TUUC Choir Project this month! Contact Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org for more info.

CABIN FEVER: VANILLA SKY—POSTPONED TO SUNDAY, APRIL 25 AT 4 PM

The discussion for VANILLA SKY that was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 17, has been postponed until Sunday, April 25 at 4 PM.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAPS UP!

Deep gratitude to all for a successful Stewardship campaign! Thank you for giving from your heart! We have received pledges from 148 households, totaling \$287,500.

If you haven't yet pledged, we invite you to do so with this [online form](#).

Special thanks to all the Stewardship Team members and especially Susan Riggs, Sue Walker, Steve Finner, Mary Ellen Haisfield-Wolfe, and Sue Royer. Between them, they called 53 households! **#BelovedCommunity #Commitment**



**TUUC POST AUCTION
SALE—ITEMS STILL
AVAILABLE!**



*Writing as a
Spiritual Practice*
**A VIRTUAL DROP-IN GROUP
FRIDAY, APRIL 16 AT 1:00PM**

TUUC BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:30 PM



***Writing Your Spiritual
Autobiography***
**Friday, April 23
2:00 PM**

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$117.67

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule. Click [here](#) for the schedule of ongoing regular TUUC virtual meetings.

16 Apr	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
17 Apr	Saturday	Scout Program—Memorial Garden	9:00 AM
17 Apr	Saturday	8th-12th Grade Bonfire	7:00 PM
18 Apr	Sunday	Scout Program—Memorial Garden	9:00 AM
18 Apr	Sunday	Family Meetings/Classes	9:00 AM
18 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
18 Apr	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM
19 Apr	Monday	Vespers	7:00 PM
19 Apr	Monday	Common Read Book Discussion	7:30 PM
19 Apr	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 Apr	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	12:00 PM
20 Apr	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
20 Apr	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
21 Apr	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
22 Apr	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM

TECHNICAL USHERS NEEDED



We are recruiting additional technical ushers. We want to rotate in one or two new ushers to give others a break. You should be comfortable with Zoom and technology and be willing to attend a rehearsal on Thursday at 6 pm as well as join the Zoom meeting 20 minutes early on Sunday morning. To volunteer, please contact our Church Administrator at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org.

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
04/11/2021	10:30 AM	79