



Beacon Unitarian Church  
Order of Service for April 18, 2021  
In Praise of Dirt: Earth Day Celebration

**Chime to Gather Us In**

**Land Acknowledgment & Welcome**

Susan White

**Congregational Song**      *Keepers of the Earth* by Joyce Poley      Kate Smith & Bill Marshall

**Chalice Lighting**      *For the Web of Life* by Paul Sprecher      Charlotte Moon

**Time for All Ages**      *Little Seed* Ensemble, Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill

**Reflection**      Ashley Cole

**Congregational Song**      *Rising Green*, words & music: Carolyn McDade Arr. Jim Scott

**Reflection**      Susan White

**Celebration of Dirt**      Ashley Cole

**Small Group Conversation:**

Take turns sharing about the dirt, soil, plant, or compost you brought with you today

- Why is it meaningful to you?
- How do you connect with the dirt, land and earth around you?
- How do you honour it?

**Dirt Blessing**      Ashley Cole

**Music**      *Gymnopédie 1* by Erik Satie      Ming-Xuan Chung

**Sharing the Plate**      Heather Brown

**Extinguishing Our Chalice**      *Cooperation for Human Creativity* by Denise Crawley  
read by Ashley Cole

**Closing Song**      *Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again (x2)*  
Kate Smith & Bill Marshall

If you require Zoom meeting access information to the Sunday service, please email Rachael <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/contact/> or fill in our Connecting form <https://forms.gle/RpsyqD6xhQRS93RV7>

### **Supporting Today's Service**

<b>Service Co-leaders</b>	Susan White, Ashley Cole
<b>Song Leaders &amp; Musicians</b>	Kate Smith, Bill Marshall
<b>Pianist</b>	Ming-Xuan Chung
<b>Greeter</b>	Joyce Gudaitis
<b>Service Assistant</b>	Nancy Rupert
<b>Visual Technician</b>	Heather Brown
<b>Zoom Recording Editor</b>	Deepak Sahasrabudhe
<b>Order of Service</b>	Rachael Greenland
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	David Kristjanson, Susan Tarras, Peggy Hinkley

### **Our Shared Ministry**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Meg Roberts
<b>Lay Chaplain</b>	Sue Sparlin
<b>Director of Religious Explorations</b>	Ashley Cole
<b>Religious Explorations Support</b>	Bette Goode
<b>Administrative Support</b>	Rachael Greenland
<b>Shared Ministry Coordinator</b>	Sue Sparlin

**Note from the Treasurer** Beacon gratefully accepts donations via Interac e-transfer to the email below. In the message box, note where you want the funds applied to:

- Beacon (note if pledge or general donation)
- Sharing the plate (half will go to Beacon, half to the Sharing the plate recipient New West Hospice Society)

If you wish to set up a pre-authorized deposit or need help with e-transfer please email me at [treasurer@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:treasurer@beaconunitarian.org)

Please mail any cheques to:

Beacon Unitarian Church  
Box 414 – 552A Clarke Road  
Coquitlam, BC V3J 0A3

Thank you for your continued support. – Heather Brown

**Welcome Families!** In these virtual times, with the suspension of our in person programs, we strive to find new ways for children and families to connect as we recognize the vital contribution families make to a vibrant community. For more information on monthly programming and upcoming virtual events, check out <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/religious-exploration/> or contact the Director of Religious Exploration, Ashley Cole, at [dre@beaconunitarians.org](mailto:dre@beaconunitarians.org) .

**Stay Connected!** If you are not getting the mid-week email called Beacon This Week that informs you of all groups, programs and their Zoom links hosted by Beacon or connected to the Metro Vancouver congregations, please ask one of the Greeters to sign you up, or email [adminsUPPORT@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:adminsUPPORT@beaconunitarian.org)

**Next Service: Sunday April 25, 2021, 10:30 am**

**Joyfully Thankful for All of You**

*Service Co-leaders: Rev. Meg Roberts & Friends*

I appreciate you, all of you—those new to us, those who have been around for years, and especially our families. And all the ways you are part of this community: those who come on Sundays or in small groups, or who are part of our phone web; those who participate in meetings, and the leaders and staff who run them and the many Beacon programs. Without you, this community would not exist. With you, we can thrive. Today is about showing that gratitude and appreciation. We'll have a shorter service today, as our annual general meeting will follow on Zoom after a short break. Join us and celebrate!

### **Virtual Beacon Programs**

To find out more about these programs, follow the links below or contact our Administrative Support, Rachael [adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org)

**Groove Dance meets every Monday 5:30-6:30 pm** (current series runs until May 17)

**Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at noon.** Bring your own lunch and share in lively and topical conversation. <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/lunch-bunch/>

**Soul Matters Circles meet once a month (1st Wednesday)** to explore and deepen our personal responses to the monthly theme. Interested or want more information? Next meeting: Wed. April 7 (1-3 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm) <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/soul-matters/>

**Book Club meets on the 4th Thursday at 7 pm.**

<http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/book-club/>

**Film Club meets every Friday 7-9 pm.** <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/film-club/>

**Theology Pub meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm**

<http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/theology-pub-2/>

**Humanist Group meets the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm**

<http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/humanist-group/>

### **Upcoming Special Events**

**Monday April 12, 19, 26 & May 3 (7:15 to 8:30 pm) Jesus Seminar Workshop**

There will be a four week workshop on the wisdom ways of Jesus starting April 12, 2021. We will consider and discuss several of the “red” and “pink” parables and sayings from the Jesus Seminar’s “The Five Gospels” (written by academics based on biblical scholarship).

The quotes will be available a week before each session and otherwise there is no need for preparation. We will tackle the questions: “Does this saying have meaning for me or for us today?” “Does something else have similar or more meaning?” “Are there any examples in my life?”

Facilitator: Earl Morris

All welcome. Feel free to drop in.

Zoom info: <https://forms.gle/RpsyqD6xhQRS93RV7>