

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday April 18, 2021, 10:15 am

**"Earth Day Service: Pathways to Healing and Regeneration"**

Offered by the UU Ministry for Earth



**Welcome** Rev. Florence Caplow

**The Work of the UU Ministry for Earth** Aly Tharp

**Opening Music** "Our House Is On Fire" by Emma's Revolution

**Opening Words, Land Acknowledgment & Chalice Lighting** Petra Thombs, M.Div.

**Story for All Ages** "The Sweet Story of a Honeybee" by Rev. Elizabeth Mount

**Community Matters & Offertory** "Earth Was Given as a Garden" (Hymn #207, instrumental) - John Olin, trumpet

**Pastoral Prayer** - Rev Florence Caplow

**Anthem** - "Hallelujah for the Earth" words by Dana Clark, melody by Leonard Cohen; performed by the Spring for Change Virtual Choir

**Reflection** Rev. Yadene Hailu

**Joys and Sorrows, Blessing Song** "May the Longtime Sun" by Mike Heron

**Shared Joys & Sorrows** (send joys and sorrows to [joysandsorrows@uucuc.org](mailto:joysandsorrows@uucuc.org))

Hymn #1020 "Woyaya" - performed by the Spring for Change Virtual Choir

Benediction Responsive Reading #557 - A Common Destiny by Rev. David H. Eaton,  
read by Paula Cole Jones and Rashid Shaikh

Postlude "Canonic Sonata No. 1" by Georg Phillip Tellemann - John Olin, trumpet

### Presenters for Today's Service

**Petra Thombs, M.Div.** is the Executive Director of the Ramapough Lenape Community Center in Mahwah, New Jersey, operated by the Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc. a 501-(c)3 organization. She is in preliminary Fellowship with the UUA, and will be ordained this spring. Petra has been an advocate for the rights of Indigenous peoples and nations. A graduate from Union Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, having majored in Church History, her focus is largely addressing the Doctrine of Discovery as it has fostered racism and extreme marginalization for Indigenous communities globally. Prior to coming to Union, Petra retired from her career in the NYC Dept of Education. A lifelong poet, she writes about historical, cultural, religious and personal experiences, expressing the perspectives of marginalized communities. Petra is married to Bernard, has two adult sons, Benjamin and Matthew and a cat named Esteban.



**Emma's Revolution** is the dynamic, award-winning activist duo of **Pat Humphries & Sandy O**, known for fearless, truth-telling lyrics and melodies you can't resist singing. The duo's songs have been sung for the Dalai Lama, praised by Pete Seeger and covered by Holly Near. Their recent release, "*Our House is on Fire*", was selected as the opening track for [Hope Rises](#), a compilation CD from a national nonprofit co-founded by Noel (Paul) Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary. Emma's Revolution are winners of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest Grand Prize and the first Phil Ochs Award, among other honors.



**Rev. Elizabeth Mount (they/them)** is minister of the First UU Church of Indiana, PA and the Florence UU Fellowship. Elizabeth used to work as an organizer with environmental and Latinx community projects in Western North Carolina, the Appalachian coal fields, and the highlands of Guatemala. Today, they focus on anti-racism and anti-oppression work to further the inclusive capacity of our faith and sustainability projects for a planet on which all can thrive. Elizabeth believes in the power of people cooperating with one another to build the Beloved Community in this life and sustain us in the hardest times.



**Rev. Florence Caplow (she/her)** is the lead minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, an ordained Zen priest and teacher, essayist and editor, former conservation biologist, and passionate advocate for Indigenous treaty rights and for the planet.



**Spring for Change Virtual Choir Director and trumpeter John Olin (he/him)** returned home to the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore in September 2019. He strives to present a variety of spiritual and standard choral literature to support and encourage a diverse choral program. A team player able to handle a wide variety of requests, Olin is someone with experience in building positive relationships with church leadership, choir members, and the congregation. Mr. Olin leads by example and encourages novice and veteran singers to participate in the choir to enhance worship services. All are welcome!



**Rev. Yadene Hailu (she/her)** is an Ethiopian American, Black woman based in Tulsa, OK, USA. She is a writer, speaker, facilitator and project manager. Her community ministry, *blk earth*, is a love letter to the earth and Black people inviting all carbon life to return to rest and right-relationship as its baseline. She believes life's first mandate is to flourish and its second is to heal. This is the mission *blk earth* supports for persons who desire to curate a lifestyle of healing and to shape their relationships/community towards wholeness.



**Aly Tharp (she/her or they/them)** is the Program Director of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE), manages the denomination-wide Create Climate Justice initiative, and is a member of the UUA Organizing Strategy Team. Aly lives in Austin, TX, and is a member of the Wildflower UU Church. Aly is also an arts and cultural organizer and food activist.



**Paula Cole Jones (she/her)** is the founder of ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity), a former president of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries) and an independent consultant specializing in multicultural competencies and institutional change. She lives in Washington, D.C. and is a member of All Souls Church, D.C. Paula served as a Interim Congregational Life Consultant for the Central East Region from 2018-2020.



**Rashid Shaikh (he/him)**, Ph.D., is Director of Science Emeritus at the Health Effects Institute, Boston. He has devoted his career to understanding how air pollution harms our health and has a special interest in trends in new technologies for transportation and in environmental justice. Rashid identifies as an Indian Muslim and a UU and is a member of the First Parish in Cambridge, MA.



