

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday October 4, 2020, 10:15 am
"Animal Blessings: Virtual Edition"



Rev. Florence Caplow

Rev. Sally Fritsche

Anne Newman, Cat and Dog TV puppets

UUCUC Choir

Emily McKown & Austin Cody, Song Leaders

Matthew Gladden, Piano

Chris Hannauer, AV Support

Welcome/Opening Reflection/Land Acknowledgment Rev. Florence Caplow

Prelude "Prayer of the Mouse" by Ivor Davies, performed by the UUCUC Choir, 10/07/18
Cartoon from 1942 animation, "The Mouse of Tomorrow", Castle Films

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice in honor of the animal realm,
Furred and hooped, two legged, four legged, many legged,
Fanged and clawed, gentle and fierce, wild and tame.
May we remember that all animals are our relatives,
Worthy of our care and respect.

Song "I Love My Little Rooster" by Almeda Riddle, led by Emily McKown

Animal Introductions Write your animals' names in chat!

Animal Blessing Blessing Ritual adapted from Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, read by Rev. Fritsche

Dog TV Anne Newman and her puppet friends

Community Matters Jen Straub from the Cunningham Township Angel Fund

Offertory "We Celebrate the Web of Life", Hymn #175 from November 24, 2019

Reflection "Kitten Ministry" Rev. Florence Caplow

Video "As if we need an excuse to watch more videos of cute animals..." from the BBC

Shared Joys and Sorrows and Pastoral Words

Blessing Song "May the Longtime Sun"

Reading "When Your Best Friend has Four or More Legs" by Rev. Theresa Soto

In Memorium Please write the name or names of beloved animals who have died in the last year

Song "There Is a Love" led by Austin Cody, words by Rev. Rebecca Parker, music by Elizabeth Norton

Closing Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Postlude "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev

Land Acknowledgment: *We recognize and acknowledge that we gather today on indigenous land, taken through deception, coercion, and violence. We acknowledge the continued displacement and oppression of Native people and honor their commitments to survival, identity, and the protection of our world.*