

ORDER OF SERVICE

“The ‘fog of war’ is not just a phrase describing the confusion of the battlefield. It also expresses the complexity of Memorial Day.” - bc

PRELUDE **Summertime** – George Gershwin

INTROIT **Come, Come Whoever You Are** - text adapted from Rumi

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 454 (Reeves Bauer, Chalice Lighter)

* HYMN Number 18 (standing) **What Wondrous Love**

* RESPONSIVE READING Number 583 (standing) **The Young Dead Soldiers**

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God’s praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING from Carl Sandburg’s Abraham Lincoln: The War Years, 1864-1865, a letter from President Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby of Boston, MA

* INTERLUDE **Ashokan Farewell** - Jay Ungar

READING *Memorial Day Sonnet* - poem by Garrison Keillor

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM **Distant Land** - John Rutter

OFFERTORY **Tell Me On A Sunday** - Andrew Lloyd Webber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Number 159 (standing) **This Is My Song**

SERMON **Why Memorial Day Matters**
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE **Amen** - Peter K. Lutkin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Assurance March** - arr. R. Atcheson

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our website at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter. On the website you can click on the Facebook and Twitter icons to engage with us on those two social networking for the latest news and discussions about the Church of the River.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register. Welcoming team members have YELLOW name tags.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for May is Laretha Randolph (682-4559).

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: **The Quest Group** meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder “The Bible - Down and Dirty.” **Questions of Faith** Sunday morning group meets at 10 a.m. in the Beatrix Potter Wing discussing “UU Elevator Speeches.” For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850.

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD’s for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS on the website by Tuesday.

Wednesday, June 2: **Choir Practice** in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Monday the office is closed for Memorial Day.

Next Sunday is our annual spring Musical Festival with a service of choral music and readings. Bring a friend. We will also participate in Association Sunday with a special offering for “Growing Our Diversity.”

Please leave back pews vacant for those with mobility needs.