

A warm welcome to our guests. We're glad you are here! Be sure to give your name and email to Karin (karinholm@bluewin.ch) if you are interested in receiving reminders about our monthly meetings and events. Please join us after the service for shared food & beverage.

UU ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Sunday, May 19th, 4pm, Quaker House, TBA.

3rd Sunday, June 16, TBA, UU picnic, last chance to bond before summer hiatus in July and August.

European UU Spring Retreat last weekend 12-14 April in Mittelwihr Alsace, attended by Greg Ratta, Karin Holm and Lauren Platt. Ask us about how cool and fun it was!!!

Visiting minister Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, 18 April, at offices of Intl Bridges to Justice, led talk and discussion on Voices from the Margins – incl. how it was as teen and young adult being an Afro-American UU in Switzerland, also from other black writers' voices. We had 21 signed up (12 attended) and we collected 150 CHF in donations which we contributed to an IBJ fund to help the family of their Principal Investigator in Cambodia who was shot and killed by police on 5 April 2013. For details see www.ibj.org.

European UU Fall Retreat, Nov 1-3, Oberwesel, Germany hosted by the European UUs "At-Large" group, wonderful music, great children's programs, fun workshops! www.europeanuu.org

Geneva Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets monthly at 4pm, the 3rd Sundays (usually at the Quaker House, 13 Avenue du Mervelet, 1209 Petit Saconnex) September through June, followed by potluck social hour, www.genevauu.org.

If you would like an electronic copy of the order of service, sermons, song inserts and readings (when available), for personal use or to send to friends, please send an email and indicate which date to: karinholm@bluewin.ch



"Feeling Your Roots"

Led by Aneta Wierzynska

Sunday, April 21, 2013
4pm Quaker House

Geneva Unitarian Universalists

A non-creedal, lay-led group in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Order of Service

WELCOME – “Come as you are.” By Roy Phillips

OPENING SONG – “Down to the River” – Traditional Spiritual

DEFINING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Unitarian Universalism is confidence in a continuity that spans all time
It is respectful of the past
But not limited to it
It is trust in growing
And conspiracy with change

WELCOMING EACH OTHER - Introduce yourself and say a sentence about why you came today.

CHALICE LIGHTING

As we light our chalice this morning, we rekindle the spirit of living meaning. We celebrate by the warmth of its fire the depth and breadth of our religious communion.

CANDLES OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SONG – “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade
Spirit of Life, come onto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me!

Sour-ce de vie, viens com-ble moi,
Chante dans mon cœur tous les sentiments de grâ-ce.
Souffle dans le vent, vogue sur la mer,
Coule dans mes mains, vie d'espoir et de justi-ce.
Ter-re nourris moi, ciel emporte moi,
Sour-ce de vie, viens vers moi, viens vers moi.

SINGING THE YOUTH TO THEIR CLASS

Go now in peace, go now in joy!
Let the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go...

POEM/MEDITATION – Selection from Fiddler on the Roof

REFLECTION and DISCUSSION – Feeling Our Roots (Aneta)

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG – “Make me a Channel of your Peace” –Prayer of St. Francis of Assis

To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action we call community, we dedicate our energy, and these our offerings.

RETURN OF THE YOUTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG – “Go Down, Moses” –Traditional Spiritual

CLOSING WORDS & Invitation to Social Hour



OPENING SONG: "Down To The River To Pray"

SOLO:

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

TOGETHER:

As I went down ...
O brothers let's go down...
As I went down ...
O children let's go down...

MEDITATION: Selection from Fiddler on the Roof

A fiddler on the roof, Sounds crazy, no?
But here, in our little village of Anatevka, you might say every one of us is a fiddler on the roof.
Trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune without breaking his neck.
It isn't easy.
You may ask, why do we stay up there if it's so dangerous?
Well, we stay because Anatevka is our home.
And how do we keep our balance?
That I can tell you in one word!
Tradition! Tradition! Tradition!
Because of our traditions, we've kept our balance for many, many years.
Here in Anatevka, we have traditions for everything.
How to sleep. How to eat. How to work. How to wear clothes.
For instance, we always keep our heads covered,
and always wear a little prayer shawl.
This shows our constant devotion to God.
You may ask, how did this tradition get started?
I'll tell you....I don't know.
But it's a tradition.
And because of our traditions, every one of us knows who he is
and what God expects him to do.

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG – "Make me a Channel of Your Peace" Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt true faith in You

REFRAIN:

O Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul!!

Make me a channel of Your peace

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned
In giving to all men, that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

CLOSING SONG – "Go Down Moses"

WOMEN: When Israel was in Egypt land...
MEN: Let my people go!
WOMEN: Oppressed so hard they could not stand...
MEN: Let my people go!
TOGETHER: Go down, Moses,
Way down in Egypt's land
Tell old Pharaoh
Let my people go!

W: Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said **M:** Let my people go!
W: If not I'll smite your first born dead! **M:** Let my people go!
(Refrain)
W: The Lord told Moses what to do **M:** Let my people go!
W: To lead the children of Israel through **M:** Let my people go!
(Refrain)