



Worship

**Sunday services are now hosted on Zoom.
Please read our weekly eletter for updates.**

ONE ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2021:

Sunday, April 4 - Rev. Bob Murphy “Flower Communion for Easter”

Sunday, April 11 - Rev. Steve Torrence “Cooking With Love”

Sunday, April 18 - Dr. Arnie Kerzner “It's Hard to Be Human “

Sunday, April 25 - Geoff Kaufman “Pete Seeger celebration”



News & Notes

ONE ISLAND FAMILY April 2021 President's Message (Marilyn Smith)

If you feel as troubled as I do about the news of violence against Asian Americans, you may be interested in the statement from our national UUA website: "The UUA Decries anti-Asian Violence" March 17, 2021

<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/antiasian-violence>

"The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) joins leaders across the country in decrying the recent surge of hate crimes against Asians and Asian Americans. In this last year, violence and verbal harassment targeting this community have been exacerbated by anti-Asian rhetoric and blame.

We call on federal, state, and local governments at every level to send the clear message that such actions will not be tolerated. We are in solidarity with victims, survivors, and families who have suffered loss and pain. . ."

Members and friends of One Island Family pledge our continued support for

all members of our faith community, including individuals of Asian American ancestry. As Unitarian Universalists, our principles call us to honor:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- *Goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

"The Promise of All Lives Mattering" by Amanda Udis-Kessler,

What does it mean to matter? How do you know you matter? Here are some possibilities: People take you seriously. They believe you when you talk about your experiences. They treat you as the expert on your own life. They expect good things of you. They support your well-being and want you to flourish. You have access to high-quality schools, safe neighborhoods, all the things you

need to make a life that matters, that is full of joy, that gives back to others. You know that you are valued by others, and valuable to them.

How do you know that your life matters, that others cherish your very existence and want it to continue? Here are two answers: you have access to all the basic resources you need, and you are not in danger of being physically harmed or killed. You can breathe clean air, drink clean water, and eat healthy food. You have a warm place to live. You have access to good, affordable healthcare. You live in a neighborhood with little or no violent crime. No one will beat you up. People will interact with you in ways that look out for your safety when possible.

"We Are Called to Pay Attention" by [Amanda Udis-Kessler](#)

Many: This morning and all mornings, we are called to pay attention.

One: We are called to pay attention to our individual lives, to our delights and pains. We are called to understand and cherish ourselves, to take good care of ourselves, to know ourselves as loving and worthy of love. In paying attention to our lives, we give thanks for all that is good in them and work to make the best decisions we can to help us live fully and joyfully.

Many: Today and all days, we are called to pay attention.

One: We are called to pay attention to the people in our lives, to celebrate their joys with them and to tend to them in their struggles. We are called to bring our compassion, kindness, and patience to our relationships even as we are grateful for the compassion, kindness and patience others show to us. In paying attention to the people in our lives, we give thanks for their presence and work to support them to the best of our abilities.

Many: Throughout our lives, we are called to pay attention.

One: We are called to pay attention to the society in which we live. We are called to understand the ways in which the lives of people we don't know, and never will know, are made harder by political and economic policies that value some kinds of people over other kinds of people. In

paying attention to our society, we give thanks for the many people who are working for justice for everyone, and we join in working with them so that all people are treated with the dignity and worth they possess.

Many: In all that we do, we are called to pay attention.

One: We are called to pay attention to the natural world around us. We are called to understand how our decisions help the natural world to flourish or cause it harm. In paying attention to the natural world, we give thanks for the ways it sustains and enriches our lives, and we commit to living sustainably so that all beings have the chance to live and so that many generations after our own can celebrate the planet and its gifts.

All: Love, compassion, gratitude, and the demands of justice call us to pay attention. As we pay attention, we bless ourselves, each other, our society, and the world.



Here's the link for the UU Justice Florida news letter:

<https://uujusticefl.salsalabs.org/january2021-newsletter>.

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Monthly Calendar: <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/calendar>