

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick:  
Servetus Society  
Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE *Leaving St. Kilda*

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING/CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from the South and the West and the North and the East

*All:* To celebrate the First Fruits of the Summer

One: We bring Sun and Rain and Soil and Wind

*All:* To celebrate the First Fruits of the Summer

One: We bring bounty from garden, vine, farm, and spirit

*All:* To celebrate the First Fruits of the Summer

GREETING/PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-23

Luke 12:13-21

MEDITATION *The Rich Fool*

Sea Raven, D.Min.

HYMN: *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Skies*

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GATHERED PRAYERS

Response: *God's love endures forever.*

OFFERTORY (Please leave your offering in the basket by the door)

**One:** Let the bread here set apart from the bounty of the earth be a token of all the good we receive. Let the wine here poured out be a token of our own self-sacrifice that allows us to share in that divine blessing.

**One:** The Eucharist is heart food from the cosmos – the “mystical body of Christ” and the Cosmic Christ or Buddha nature found in all beings in the universe – to us. Christ is the light of the world, which we now know is made only of light. Flesh is light and light is flesh. We eat, drink, sleep, breathe, and love that light.

*All:* The Eucharist is also our hearts expanding and responding generously: “Yes we will” We will carry on the heart-work called compassion, the work of the cosmos itself.

(Matthew Fox)

## EUCCHARIST

**One:** The Lord be with you

*All:* And with your spirit

**One:** Lift up your hearts

*All:* We lift them up to the Lord

*Institution* (1 Corinthians 11:23b-26, Scholars Version)

**One:** On the night when he was handed over, the lord Jesus took bread and after he gave thanks he broke it and said, “This means my body broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

And in the same way he took the wine cup after the meal and said, “This cup means the new covenant ratified by my blood. Whenever you drink this, do it to remember me.”

So every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of the lord until the day when he returns. . . . All who eat and drink recognize that the community is the body of the Anointed.

*Distribution*

One: The gifts of God for the People of God

*All:* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING

HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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BENEDICTION

One: For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace

*W:* The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands

**M:** Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle.

*All:* And it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off. (Isaiah 55:12-13)

**UCCF's Servetus Society** is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship. Michael Servetus (1509-1553), was a Unitarian "saint," who was martyred for questioning Trinitarian Christianity. Servetus' tragic death emboldened others to question entrenched religious authorities and increased calls for religious tolerance. The Servetus Society is an opportunity to focus on the Fourth Source of Unitarian Universalism, "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves."

All are welcome to join the Servetus Society on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel for progressive Christian worship. **September 1** Rev. Carl Gregg will lead a contemplative service; **October 6** Plans are being made to join the Friendly Forum in a video and discussion of Bill Moyers' interview with John Lewis, remembering the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington, and forming the Beloved Community. To be added to the email distribution for these services, please send a request to [uucg@frederickuu.org](mailto:uucg@frederickuu.org).

***You are invited to our community Unitarian Universalist service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.*** This morning's sermon will be "The Gifts of Listening and Presence," with worship leaders Deb Calhoun and Lisa Solomon.