

## WEEKS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 22nd

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Social Justice Committee House Meeting, Chapel, 12:15 PM

Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 12:30 PM

Art & Spirit Workshop w/ Karen Hering, Auditorium, 12:45 PM

### Tuesday, April 24th

Standing Committee Meeting, Chapel, 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, April 25th

Art & Spirit Workshop, The Jazz of Writing, Chapel, 7:00 PM

### Saturday, April 28th

Environmental Group Food Distribution, UU Urban Ministry 10:00 AM

Connie Hill Memorial Service, Sanctuary, 1:00 PM

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Social Justice House Meetings- **12:15 today** in the Chapel and ending at 1 PM (1:10 if we start late). Please join us to give your feedback re what justice issues are at the top of your list, ie "what wakes you up at night". If you can't make it today come **next Sunday, same time.**

Next Social Justice Committee meeting, Sunday, May 6 at 12:30.

*Connie Hill's Memorial Service, Saturday April 28th, 1:00 PM, FCB*

*Leo Collins' Memorial Service, Saturday May 12th, 11:00 AM, FCB*

*Diana Smith's Ordination, Sunday May 20th, 6:30 PM, FCB*

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**Sunday April 22, 2018**

Today: Karen Hering

"Ready to be Unsteady"

Next Week: Rev. Stephen Kendrick



Art & Spirit - Workshop led by Karen Hering

TODAY - 12:45pm, in the Auditorium

In guided writing sessions, retreats and workshops, and now in her award winning book "Writing to Wake the Soul", Karen Hering invites you to engage writing as a spiritual practice and a tool for social change. Drawing from the wisdom of world religions and folklore, history, science and literature, Karen's reflections and writing prompts will guide you in exploring your own life and articulating the difficult and illuminating questions of our time.

An ordained UU Minister, Karen's ministry is sharing the gift of writing as a spiritual practice.



## The Order of Service

### We Gather Together

**Gathering Music** Prelude Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902-1972)

**Welcome** Rev. Tim House

### Chalice Lighting & Invocation

Love is the spirit of this church, And service its law. This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

\* Hymn # 12 O Life That Maketh All Things New

### The Work of Community

**Time For All Ages** *Earth At The Interplanetary Conference*, by Aaron McEmrys Rev. Aisha Ansano

Children of new and returning families are invited to join Lara for the children's spiritual education session, held downstairs in the John Winthrop School.

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

**Brief Announcements** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

### Greeting Your Neighbor

**Affirmation # 123** Spirit of Life

*Spirit of Life, come unto 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.*

### Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

**Responsive Reading # 612** Fearful Joy

**Musical Meditation** Aurora William Billings (1746-1800)

**Readings** "Perhaps a Great Poem," by Tamura Ryuichi Rev. Karen Hering  
Excerpt from *Learning to Fall*, by Philip Simmons Rev. House  
"Ec-stasis" by Luci Shaw Rev. Hering

### Going Deeper

**Prayer** Rev. Kendrick

\* Hymn # 196 Singer of Life

**Sermon** "Ready to be Unsteady" Rev. Hering

**Offertory** Turn Back O Man

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

### \*Doxology



### Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

\* Charge Rev. Ansano

\* Hymn # 108 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

\*Benediction Rev. Hering

**Postlude** Finale Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

\*Please stand as you are able.

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### Minns Spring 2018: Three Lectures by Samira K. Mehta The Religiously Complex Congregation in the Religiously Complex World

Professor Samira K. Mehta is a scholar of religion and the politics of the American family. She is particularly interested in how families create meaning, about their practices, identities, and senses of morality and how, in turn, outside forces (religious leaders and institutions, politicians, and creators of popular culture) construct the American family through theology, legislation, and public discourse.

Final Lecture:

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 pm: Beyond Christmukkah, King's Chapel Parish House, [64 Beacon St., Boston, MA](#)