



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
April 21, 2019

## Sharing Our Plate – April 14, 21, 28

**Citizen Climate Education:** Citizens' Climate Education empowers individuals to educate elected officials, community leaders, and the general public about climate change and climate change solutions.

Our consistently respectful, non-partisan approach to climate education is designed to create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political inclinations. By building upon shared values rather than partisan divides, and empowering our supporters to work in keeping with the concerns of their local communities, we work towards the adoption of fair, effective, and sustainable climate change solutions. Please make your check out to HUUC, with *Citizen Climate Education* on the memo line.

## “The Good Life” Rev. Jill, April 21

The 19<sup>th</sup> century poet William Wordsworth once said, “The world is too much with us, late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our power, give away our hearts!” And it’s still true, the world is so much with us that sometimes it hard to hold what matters the most. Jesus’ words come to me by way of reply, “consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, nor do they spin, yet the heavens care for them.” Join us in an Easter affirmation of that which makes life good.

## “Perspectives on Wholeness” Worship Team, April 28

We will finish out the month of April still considering what it means to be a people of wholeness. This time we will focus on what is wholeness from a Hindu perspective. We will be joined by our friend Neelkanth

Mishra. Along with a few of his close friends, Neelkanth founded the temple NESSP ([New England Shirdi Sai Parivaar](#)) nearby in Groton. Today, Neelkanth is on the Board of Director for Spiritual Services in NESSP, placed with the responsibility of conducting and organizing spiritual services in the temple, as well as managing the priests and their services.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Being a people of wholeness

- All children will start in the Sanctuary, including babies and toddlers.
- As we are sung out, after the Time for All Ages, we will all meet in the Foyer. Parents of babies and toddlers please join us. We will head upstairs to the Belfry Room, where there will be nursery care and classes.
- Before the end of service, we will return to the Sanctuary for a surprise visit. After which, the Egg Hunt will begin in front of the Church, on the common.

Have a fun and happy day with family, and celebration!

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Have an interest in next year’s RE program?** The RE Committee and DRE Intern Laura Vilain are hosting a listening and learning session in the Fellowship Building after worship from 11:30am-1pm on Sunday, April 28, to gather the perspectives and feedback we need to start turning the visioning work started by the HATCH (How Are The Children)

Committee into action. We will use the report to support a design approach that clarifies values, priorities, dependencies, and challenges. Please come share your voice. Childcare and a light lunch will be provided. RSVP to [jon@greenclan.org](mailto:jon@greenclan.org) or in person appreciated but not required. Jon Green for the RE Committee.

**This year's Walk for Hunger is on Sunday May 5, just around the corner!**

Once again, we are hoping that many of you from the congregation will participate to make it a wonderful intergenerational experience. Our church has a long history of participating in this event. Some of our most sincere walkers have been Middle School and Senior High Youth. In past years, as a team we have raised well over \$10,000. We are hoping to be able to do so again. Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker at

<http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger> and search for our team: "Harvard Hunger Resistance Movement". Or you can go directly to this link to join or donate. [http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/WalkforHunger?pg=team&fr\\_id=1380&team\\_id=80841](http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/WalkforHunger?pg=team&fr_id=1380&team_id=80841). Together, we can make a meaningful difference to those who struggle with hunger. We plan on carpooling to Alewife Station and then take the T from there. However, if we raise \$5000 we can get a bus for free! The walk is 20 miles but you can walk as much as you are able. There are shuttle buses all along the way. Thank you for your support! Let us know if you have any questions!

-Piali De and Ann Whitney

**Gem of the Week**

*Reparations in the News* Several of the Democratic presidential hopefuls are talking about "reparations", but what are they and why are they important? As supporters of Black Lives Matter, this is an important topic. The best explanation I've seen is Ta-Nehisi Coates' article in "The Atlantic", titled "[The Case for Reparations](#)". As he writes, "Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of

racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole." Vital reading for those of us concerned about America's "compounding moral debts" and basic human rights. -SJMC

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday April 21

9:30 a.m. Jr Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"The Good Life"**

Rev. Jill Cowie

Egg Hunt on the Common

Tuesday April 23

6-8 p.m. Worship Team meeting

Wednesday April 24

**7-8 p.m. Meditation (corrected time)**

7-9 p.m. Welcoming Renewal meeting

Thursday April 25

9-11 a.m. Soul Matters

7-9 p.m. All Leadership Meeting

7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir

Sunday April 28

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"Perspectives on Wholeness"**

Worship Team

11:30-1 Religious Education Discussion

R.E. Committee & DRE Intern

**Walking the Talk of Covenant Workshop in the Fellowship Building May 11th 9-2**

We frequently talk about Unitarian Universalism as a *covenantal* tradition, as opposed to *sacramental* or *creedal*, but what does that mean exactly? Most congregations have written covenants and many recite their covenants at weekly services. *Living* the covenant, however, is more than knowing or saying words. It assumes embodied practices that knit us to each other and to something larger than ourselves. Because we are hosting, it's free. For more information and to register for this UUA sponsored workshop: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-the-talk-of-covenant-may-11-harvard-registration-56914064499>

-Rev. Jill