



Animal Blessing Service September 25, 2022

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering	Jennifer Drake
Opening Words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Chris Measzros
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Special Announcement 'UU The Vote'	
Miriam Escamp, UU Community Church of Southwest Michigan	
Introit	'Morning Has Broken' (#38)
Jennifer Drake, Darryl Loiacano & Savannah Ramsey	
Chalice Lighting	Chris Measzros
Words: 'Newt' by Robert Macfarlane	
<i>If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'</i>	

Affirming our Connections

Song	'All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir' (Stains) People's Singers and Congregation
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Chorus

*All god's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire
Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got now
Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom*

*Where the bullfrog jumps and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to-do
The old cow just goes 'moo'*

*The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle
Where the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
The old coyote howls*

Chorus

*Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melody with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
The jaybird disagrees*

*Singin' in the night time, singin' in the day
the little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself*

Chorus

*It's a simple song, a livin' song everywhere
With the fox and the ox and grizzly bear
And the grumpy alligator and the hawks above
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove*

*All god's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire
Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got (repeat)*

Offering	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
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www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples

Offertory	'All Creatures of the Earth and Sky' (#203)
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Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us	Chris Measzros
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*From the countless gifts we each have been given,
gifts of life and love and sustenance,*

*we bring these small portions to share in the works of love
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.

Blessing the Animals

Story Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

Readings 'The Dogs at Live Oak Beach, Santa Cruz'

by Alicia Ostriker

'Blackbirds' by Julie Cadwallader Staub

from 'Firefly (Redux)' by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Animal Blessing Ritual

*You are invited to bring your animals forward along the side aisles
for a blessing or share their names in the Zoom chat.*

Reading Diane Melvin

Candles of Grief *You are invited to light a candle in honor of a
beloved animal that has died or animals that are suffering.*

Special Music Jennifer Drake

A Blessing for All Animals Diane Melvin and Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Response: **'We Offer Our Blessing'**

Cultivating Community

Song 'There is a Love' (Parker/Norton)

There is a love holding us

There is a love holding all that we love

There is a love holding all

We rest in this love

Joys and Sorrows

Returning to the World

Closing song The Chicken Dance

Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms