

Worship Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
4:00pm Zoom

**In Attendance:** Rev. Will Green (co-chair and scribe), Timmi Sellers (co-shair), Karin Elofson, Joanne Sterling, Jan Thomas, Cathy Gritman

**I. Opening prayer – Rev Will**

**II. January 2023 minutes approved as written**

**III. Set the following goals for 2023, which will be presented to the congregation at the March 5th Assembly.**

- 1) Create a Religious Exploration (RE) subcommittee. This group will explore the implementation of Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum and Sunday morning children's programming.
- 2) Create visuals for the church walls that will educate the congregation about the UCC and the UUA.
- 3) Create visuals for the church walls that will educate the congregation about our leadership structure and ongoing events.
- 4) Use worship to explore the spiritual aspects of the work we do as a church. For example, instead of inviting people to meetings, we want to have time in worship for people to share how being involved in church work impacts their spiritual life.
- 5) Actively grow lay participation in worship service.
- 6) Create a monthly newsletter, perhaps for distribution around the Island.
- 7) Advertise our worship themes on the website.
- 8) Explore the creation of a Membership/Welcoming Team.

**IV. Worship Themes:**

February 19th (Transfiguration Sunday): Looking Up/Our place among the stars/Astronomy

*Wednesday February 22nd - Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 pm*

During Lent (2/26-3/26) we will focus on our Covenant

February 26th - OUTDOOR SERVICE - *Being ourselves together*

March 5th - *Honoring the divine in each of us/tending honestly & kindly to differences and tensions*

March 12th - *Remaining open to change/fostering a spirit of play & joy*

March 19th - *Being accountable for collective care/trusting the presence of the Divine*

March 26th - *Aspiring to be Beloved Community*

N.B. - Celebration of the Life of Nelson Garman-Hill, Saturday 4/1 at 1:00pm. We want to accommodate overflow seating in the Hall, with the service projected via livestream/Zoom.

April 2nd - Palm Sunday

April 9th - Easter Sunday, Son Rise on the Backshore, Breakfast at the Church?

April 16th - (*Rev. Will is away. N.B. Rev. Will is also away Sunday, May 7th, normally a Communion Sunday. Timmi will look into whether or not an area clergy person is available to join us on May 7th. We also identified the Book Group and the Island Swim Group as possible worship leaders for those or other upcoming services.*)

#### **V. Sunday Nurturer/Child Care Coverage on Sundays**

We have two candidates for the paid position who are both available part time who we think will be great matches for our needs. They are being interviewed.

Timmi is creating some simple rules for our children's supervisors to follow (e.g. children cannot play outside unsupervised). She is also printing our Safe Sanctuary Policy which will be kept in a folder in the play area.

Next meeting Thursday, March 16th, 4:00pm on Zoom