

Postlude Please remain seated for the piano selection.
Please put your chair away if you are able and join us for refreshments and conversation.

Dates to Remember...
March 2019

- Mar. 10** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Principle Three: Acceptance of One Another** – Rev. Linda Thompson MDiv
- Mar. 15** (Fri. 7:00 p.m.) **UCN Film Night** – Film: *Roma*
- Mar. 17** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Diapers to Menopause: My Life in the Comics** – presented by Sandra Bell-Lundy
- Mar. 19** (Tues. 10:30 a.m.) **Computer Classes** – for information contact abu_hosein@yahoo.ca
- Mar. 19** (Tues. 1:30 p.m.) **UCN Board Meeting** – All UCN members welcome.
- Mar. 24** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Purim** – Paul Pipher and Nu Klezmer Orchestra
- Mar. 25** (Mon. 2:00 p.m.) **UCN Book Club**– at the home of Joan Rothman. Please let Joan know that you are coming. Book is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
- Mar. 29** (Fri. 6:00 p.m.) **UCN Pub Night** – George's Greek Village, 535 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Entrance is from the Parkway. All welcome, no need to register, just pay the restaurant for whatever you order. This month's topic is *Creativity*.
- Mar. 31** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **The Wonderful You and Technology** – Jim Glassford

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



**Celebrating International Women's Day:
Keeping Focussed in these Complex Times**

– Dr. June Corman

March 3, 2019

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Order of Service
Sunday, March 3, 2019

Service Leader: Doreen Peever
Speaker: Dr. June Corman
Musician: Michael Tansley

Prelude

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: We light this flame to honour the journeys of women in the past, who have shaped the world we journey through. We light this flame to celebrate the journeys of women here with us now, in body or in spirit, who are shaping the world as we journey together. We light this flame to encourage ourselves to shape the world of the future, so that the beings of the generations to come will continue their journey in wholeness. We pause for a moment to each remember someone who has been a mentor for us, shaping who we are today.

Joys and Concerns

Hymn: #295 **Sing Out Praises For the Journey**

Responsive Reading:

We were not born at the same time, and we will not die at the same time. And yet, we are all here today

We are on this journey together.

We are not from the same place, and we have not lived in or visited the same cities and countries. And yet, we are here together today.

We are on this journey together.

We have not taken the same path, and we do not believe the same things, and we have not dreamed the same dreams. And yet, our paths have led us here.

We are on this journey together.

We have our own lives, our diverse beliefs, our unique experiences. And yet, we have chosen to be here together today. **We are on this journey together. May we be grateful for this part of the journey we share.**

Offering: We come here from many places, and we have chosen to build a community together. Each of us gives and has already given a valued gift by being here. Let us now give a material gift to sustain the community to which we belong.

A Story For All Ages: **A Meeting of Roses** by Janet Vickers

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Discussion and comments

Hymn: #311 **Let It Be a Dance**

Announcements

Extinguishing the Chalice: We extinguish the flame that has illuminated our time together. As we leave this place to continue our singular and separate journeys, we carry with us a spark of a common light, the flame of our community and our connections.

Blessing: May all the blessings of this moment and as long as your journey lasts make themselves visible to you, each in its own time. May you follow your own path. The path is changed by every step you take and you change with it. May your journey lead you into undiscovered territories of yourself, and along familiar trails to the being you were meant to be. May you be safe, may abundant joys surround you, may love enfold you.

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