

Dates to Remember...

May 2019

- May 5** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Why We Lie** – Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar
- May 12** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Wonder, Awe and Thankfulness**
– Karen Stovell
- May 15** (Wed.) **June Newsletter Submission Deadline** –
LesLee Turmel larganturmel@gmail.com
- May 17** (Fri. 7:00 p.m.) **UCN Film Night** - All welcome, no
charge. This month's film is *Green Book*.
- May 19** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Being a Snowbird in Trump
Country (Changes)** – Beryl Stovell
- May 19** (Sun. 12:00 noon after service) **Celebration** of
Theresa Pothier's musical contribution to UCN.
- May 24** (Fri. 6:00 p.m.) **UCN Pub Night** – Topic: Simplicity
George's Greek Village, 535 Queenston St., St. Catharines
(Entrance off the Canal Parkway)
- May 26** (Sun. 11:00 a.m.) **Love** – Maurice Turmel
- May 27** (Mon. 2:00 p.m.) **UCN Book Club** - at the home of
Penny and Roy Blake. Please let them know if attending.
This month's book is *The Suspect* by Fiona Barton.

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Anti-Social Media

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Order of Service
Sunday, April 28, 2019

Speaker: Roy Blake
Service Leader: Roy Blake
Pianist: Peter Shea

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words:

Liberal theology is not for the faint of heart. It points us in a general direction without telling us the specific destination. It refuses to make our commitments for us, but holds us accountable to the commitments we make. . . . It invites us to live with ambiguity without giving in to facile compromise; to engage in dialogue without trying to control the conversation; to be open to change without accepting change too casually; to take commitment seriously but not blindly; to be engaged in the culture without succumbing to the culture's values.

– Rev. Paul Rasor, the Netherlands

Chalice Lighting

"Why a flaming chalice?" the question comes.
It's the cup of life, we answer.
A cup of blessings overflowing.
A cup of water to quench our spirits' thirst.
A cup of wine for celebration and dedication.
The flame of truth.
The fire of purification.
Oil for anointing, healing.
Out of chaos, fear, and horror,
thus was the symbol crafted, a generation ago.
So may it be for us,
in these days of uncertainty, sorrow, and rage.
And a light to warm our souls and guide us home.

– Rev. Lisa Doege, USA

Joys and Concerns

Hymn: #356

Offering

Reading: #651

Address: **Roy Blake – *Anti-Social Media***

Discussion and Comments

Hymn: #119

Closing Words:

May whatever gatherings or activities we engage in this Sunday afternoon help restore us —
our connections to one another;
our sense of hope, beauty, and fun in this world;
our deep knowing that we have to take care of ourselves and each other with love and joy if we are to soulfully survive the world's mayhem.

– Rev. Heather Rion Starr, USA

Extinguishing the Chalice:

We extinguish this flame,
But we keep its light in our hearts,
with its message of love and justice,
Taking it outside these walls to the world we live in,
until we are together again.

– Maddie Sifantus

Announcements

Postlude Please join us for coffee and refreshments.
Please put your own chair away first if you are able.