

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick:  
Servetus Society  
Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE            *Gospel Rock*

**CHALICE LIGHTING/CALL TO WORSHIP**

- One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all  
nations.
- All: Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you.
- One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with  
equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
- All: Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you.
- One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God has blessed us.
- All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalm 67

**GREETING/PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 16:16-40

Revelation. 22:12-21

MEDITATION    *Eyes on the Prize*

Sea Raven, D.Min.

HYMN:

*O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer)*

**GATHERED PRAYERS**

HYMN:            *Steal Away*

(New Century Hymnal)

## OFFERTORY (Please leave your offering in the basket by the door)

**One:** Let the bread here set apart from the bounty of the earth be a token of all the good we receive. Let the wine here poured out be a token of our own self-sacrifice that allows us to share in that divine blessing.

**One:** The Eucharist is heart food from the cosmos – the “mystical body of Christ” and the Cosmic Christ or Buddha nature found in all beings in the universe – to us. Christ is the light of the world, which we now know is made only of light. Flesh is light and light is flesh. We eat, drink, sleep, breathe, and love that light.

*All:* The Eucharist is also our hearts expanding and responding generously: “Yes we will” We will carry on the heart-work called compassion, the work of the cosmos itself.

(Matthew Fox)

## EUCHARIST

**One:** Lift up your hearts

*All:* We lift them up to God

**One:** Let us give thanks for the spirit of wisdom and understanding, which gives us courage in the struggle for justice and peace.

*All:* Thanks be to the Spirit of Life, and Light.

**One:** On the last night with his disciples, as they lounged at their dinner, Jesus decided to try one last time to make them really understand what he was doing, and what it really meant to follow him. He picked up a loaf of bread, and spoke into the hubbub of their conversation: Listen! He said – this bread is like God’s justice in this world. Then he tore the loaf into two pieces. This is God’s justice in the hands of the Romans and the Temple authorities who collaborate with them.

[Break Bread]

Believe me, one of you is going to turn me in to them soon. If not tonight, then as soon as the Passover is finished. Whenever you eat together after this night, remember that, and remember me. For this is my body, broken for you.

Then Jesus picked up the jug of wine. This wine is also like the Kingdom of God – it is the blood of the paschal lamb, painted on the lintels and doorposts of our people as a sign that they belong to God and not to Pharaoh’s Empire. But this cup I drink is a new cup.

[Pour Wine]

It is a libation of my blood poured out for justice for all those who choose to share it. Drink it – all of you who are willing to engage in the work and participate in God’s covenant of justice-compassion, and remember.

**One:** The gifts of God for the People of God

*All:* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING

HYMN

*O God of Earth and Altar*

(New Century Hymnal)

SUNG BENEDICTION: *Aloha Oe*

**UCCF's Servetus Society** is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship. Michael Servetus (1509-1553), was a Unitarian “saint,” who was martyred for questioning Trinitarian Christianity. Servetus’ tragic death emboldened others to question entrenched religious authorities and increased calls for religious tolerance. The Servetus Society is an opportunity to focus on the Fourth Source of Unitarian Universalism, “Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.”

All are welcome to join the Servetus Society on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel for progressive Christian worship. **July 7** Rev. Carl Gregg will lead a contemplative service; **August 4** Sea Raven will lead a celebration of the First Harvest. Communion is offered at each service. To be added to the email distribution for these services, please send a request to [uucg@frederickuu.org](mailto:uucg@frederickuu.org).

***You are invited to our community Unitarian Universalist service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.*** This morning’s sermon will be on “Sticks & Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy” by The Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg.