

**SERVICE LEADER SCRIPT  
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HAMILTON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010**

**SERVICE TITLE:** UNITED NATIONS SUNDAY: A Faith To Change The World  
**SPEAKER/STORYTELLER:** Bruce Knotts - Executive Director, Unitarian Universalist  
United Nations Office (UU-UNO)  
**SERVICE LEADERS:** Todd Fraleigh and Lyla Miklos  
**MUSIC:** Our Choir led by Cindy Carey with accompaniment by Rachel Derry

**1. OVERTURE**  
***Selections from "The Prayer Cycle" (Jonathan Elias)***

(This music will start to play at 10:15am, unless musicians are still rehearsing. The Sanctuary doors should also open at this time. Remind the Ushers to direct congregants to bring their photos to the front of the Sanctuary while the Gathering Music plays)

**2. BELL**

**LYLA:** *(At 10:2am ring the bell in the foyer.)*

*(Indicate to the Sound Tech that the service will begin in five more minutes and that you will need your podium mike turned on the music on CD turned down so everyone can hear you introduce the Gathering Music.)*

**3. GATHERING MUSIC**  
***Selections from "The Prayer Cycle" (Jonathan Elias)***

**LYLA:** Please quietly take your seats as we enjoy our Gathering Music.

We ask that you turn off any cell phones, pagers, blackberrys, or other electronic devices as they interfere with our sound system and your listening enjoyment during the service.

Any congregants who brought photos of their dead loved ones in honour of Samhain (*pronounced SOW-wen*), are asked to bring them forward and place them at the front of the Sanctuary at this time.

*(Indicate to the Sound Tech that the music on CD needs to be turned off and you will need your podium mike turned on so everyone can hear Rachel lead them in the SINGING TOGETHER.)*

**4. SINGING TOGETHER**  
***Cauldron Of Changes (Origin Unknown)***

**RACHEL:** Good Morning! Please rise as you're able and let's join our voices together in song. This morning we'll sing "Cauldron Of Changes". The lyrics can be found in your Order of Service.

(Rachel will give instruction to the congregation on how to sing this song.)

**CONGREGANTS:** *Cauldron of changes, feather on the bone, arc of eternity, ring made of stone. We are the old people. We are the new people. We are the same people. Wiser than before.*

## **5. WELCOME AND SINGING BOWL**

**LYLA:** Good Morning!

Welcome to the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton.

Whoever you are, whomever you love, wherever you are on your journey of faith or search for meaning, today you are one of us, and you are welcome in this house of worship.

My name is Lyla Miklos and I am your Service Leader along with Todd Fraleigh this morning.

Today is our annual UN Sunday service. We are deeply honoured to have Bruce Knotts, Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, as our Speaker and Storyteller today. Bruce, a retired US diplomat, became the ED for the UU-UNO in 2008. In 2010 he was unanimously elected as Chair of the United Nations NGO Committee on Human Rights. He also Chairs the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court.

The UU-UNO's focus this year is on the issue of climate change. Bruce will be sharing with us many exciting stories about the amazing work of the UU-UNO.

Today is also Halloween. For many Hamiltonians, this is a time to dress up in cool costumes, have fun house parties, and go door-to-door collecting candy. For several Earth-centered traditions, today is also known as Samhain (*pronounced SOW-wen*) a sacred day to mark the end of the harvest and to honour our dead loved ones. Samhain (*pronounced SOW-wen*) is a time of reflection, of looking back over the last year, of coming to terms with the phenomenon of life over which we have no control – death. On this night the veil between the living and the dead is said to be at its thinnest.

May we remember our ancestors and all those we have loved who have gone before as we close our eyes, and listen to the sound of our singing bowl until it disappears.

*(play the singing bowl . . . and fade)*

**6. CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**#445 *The Womb of Stars* by Joy Atkinson**

**TODD:** Good Morning!

Please join me in reading our Call To Worship, *The Womb of Stars* by Joy Atkinson. It is reading #445 in your grey hymnal. I will begin the reading and you will respond with the word in italics.

*(Give congregants a moment to find their place in the grey hymnal.)*

**TODD:** The womb of stars embraces us; remnants of their fiery furnaces pulse through our veins.

**CONGREGANTS:** *We are of the stars, the dust of the explosions casts across space.*

**TODD:** We are of the earth: we breathe and live in the breath of ancient planets and beasts.

**CONGREGANTS:** *Their cells nourish the soil; we build our communities on their harvest of gifts.*

**TODD:** Our fingers trace the curves carved in clay and stone by forebears unknown to us.

**CONGREGANTS:** *We are a part of the great circle of humanity gathered around the fire, the hearth, the altar.*

**TODD:** We gather anew this day to celebrate our common heritage.

**CONGREGANTS:** *May we recall in gratitude all that has given us birth.*

**7. LIGHTING OF SANCTUARY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHALICES**

**LYLA:** We light our chalices to mark our entry into sacred space.

I invite Brian Reid to come forward to light our Sanctuary Chalice.

To light our Children's Chapel Chalice I invite Chrissy Gregg and Leak Fraleigh to come forward.

*(Chalice Lighters light chalices and stay at Chalices until all the Unison Chalice Lighting Words have been read.)*

**8. UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING WORDS**

**LYLA:** Please join in reading our Unison Chalice Lighting Words, found in your Order of Service.

*May this candle be our light of friendship and love.*

Thank you chalice lighters.

## 9. HYMN

*We Have The Whole World In Our Hands* (Alternate Lyrics. See Insert.)

**LYLA:** Please stand as you are able and join together in singing our first hymn *We Have The Whole World In Our Hands*. This version especially written for UN Sunday has some alternate lyrics, which can be found in your Order of Service.

(Rachel will lead the congregation in this song and give instructions as needed.)

**CONGREGATION:** We've got the whole world in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got the wealth of nature in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got the earth and water in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got the air and mountains in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got our brothers and sisters in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got tools of peace and plenty in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got hope for the future in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

We've got the whole world in our hands (x3)  
We've got the whole world in our hands

## 10. STORY FOR ALL AGES

***For Every Child: The UN Convention on the Rights of The Child  
in Words and Pictures*** (Adapted by Caroline Castle.)

**BRUCE:** Children and youth come and sit on the carpet here in front of as we share in our Story for All Ages. Today's story is called "*For Every Child*".

*(Bruce reads the story)*

**11. CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL HYMN**  
***Go Now In Peace (Natalie Sleeth)***

**LYLA:** Adults please stand if you are able.

Chrissy and Leah please take The Children's Chapel Chalice and stand here (indicate where). Children and youth please line up behind Chrissy and Leah.

Everyone please join us in singing our UN Sunday Children's Recessional Hymn, *Go Now in Peace*, found in your order of service as Chrissy and Leah leads our children to CYRE.

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you. Everywhere. Everywhere. You may go.*

Please be seated.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LYLA:** Our announcements are part of our life as a church community. Please make a point of reading all the announcements in your order of service following today's service. We have a few announcements, which you won't find in your Order of Service.

***(Read announcements.)***

Following today's worship service, there will be a special planting of Narcissus bulbs for Peace, in the church's front garden. This is a new pilot program organized by The United Nations Association in Canada – Hamilton Branch, along with Culture of Peace Hamilton. Our church will be the ceremonial beginning of this project.

Following the bulb planting please join us in the Sanctuary for an informal pot luck and Q&A with our guest speaker Bruce Knotts as he shares with us more of the great work the UU-UNO is doing.

Today's Music Ministry is provided by our Choir led by Cindy Carey.

If you have a personal Joy or Sorrow you would like shared with the congregation paper and pens are available at the table to my right ***[indicate with hand gesture]***. Please write yours out before the Worship in Music ends.

This service is also piped into the lobby if you need to step out of the sanctuary.

Our offering today will all go to the UU-UNO.

After our worship please join our Fellowship in the lobby. If you are a newcomer please visit our newcomers table so you may know us better and take a green mug for your beverage so we may know you better.

**13. WORSHIP IN MUSIC**  
***Batoto Yetu (Roger Emerson)***  
**Our Choir led by Cindy Carey**

**LYLA:** Our Choir will now share with us our Worship in Music.

*(If necessary, cue the musicians to play the Worship In Music.)*

**CHOIR:** (TBD)

**14. READING**  
***We, The People of The United Nations***  
**(Charter of the United Nations)**

**TODD:** Our reading today is taken from the Charter of the United Nations.

We, the peoples of the United Nations,

Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small,

To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

And for these ends to practice tolerance and to live together in peace as good neighbours,

To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security,

To insure that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest,

To employ international machinery in the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all people,

Have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

**15. OFFERING WORDS**  
**From Edward Everett Hale**

**LYLA:** Our offering is a reminder of the spirit of generosity that is at the heart of our religious community. Today's offering is going to the UU-UNO and the work they do to make our world a better place. Your financial contributions are appreciated and make a difference. We thank you for giving as generously as you are able.

Please join me in reading our offering words, which can be found in your order of service.

(Give congregants a moment to find their place in the gray hymnal or order of service.)

(Read reading along with the congregation.)

**CONGREGATION:** *I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something I can do.*

**16. OFFERTORY MUSIC**  
***Ose Shalom* (Nurit Hirsch)**  
**Our Choir led by Cindy Carey**

**LYLA:** We will now receive our offering while we listen to our Choir.

*(If necessary, cue the musicians to play the offertory music. Let the ushers collect the offering while the music plays.)*

**CHOIR:** (TBD)

**17. OFFERTORY HYMN OF GRATITUDE**  
**Hymn #402 – From You I Receive – STLT (Joseph and Nathan Segal)**

**LYLA:** As our Ushers bring our offering forward please join in singing our Hymn of Gratitude found in your order of service.

**CONGREGATION:** *From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live.*

**18. JOYS AND SORROWS**

**LYLA:** This is our time as a church community to come together to celebrate and grieve with our fellow congregants, supporting each other through both our struggles and our victories.

During the musical meditation, you are invited to come forward, and light a candle. Then we will join together in a time of silence and reflection.

These are the Joys and Sorrows we share today.

*(Read written joys and sorrows.)*

**19. MEDITATION IN WORDS**  
***The Fragmented World* by Phillip Hewitt**

**TODD:** Our meditation in words comes from Phillip Hewitt.

**BRUCE:** From the fragmented world of our everyday lives we gather together in search of wholeness.

**TODD:** *By many cares and preoccupations, by diverse and selfish aims are we separated from one another and divided within ourselves.*

**BRUCE:** Yet we know that no branch is utterly severed from the Tree of Life that sustains us all.

**TODD:** *We cherish our oneness with those around us and the countless generations that have gone before us.*

**BRUCE:** We would hold fast to all good we inherit even as we would leave behind us the outworn and the false.

**TODD:** *We would escape from bondage to the ideas of our own day and from the delusions of our own fancy.*

**BRUCE:** Let us labor in hope for the dawning of a new day without hatred, violence, and injustice.

**TODD:** *Let us nurture the growth in our own lives of the love that has shone in the lives of the greatest of men and women, the rays of whose lamp still illumine our way.*

**TODD AND BRUCE:** In this spirit we gather. In this spirit we pray.

**TODD:** Now please enjoy our Meditation in Music.

**20. MEDITATION IN MUSIC**  
***I've Been In The Storm So Long* (Traditional Spiritual)**  
**Our Choir led by Cindy Carey**

*(The Musicians will now present the Meditation in Music and congregants will then proceed to light candles. If necessary, cue the musicians to play the musical meditation.)*

**CHOIR:** (TBD)



## 21. MEDITATION IN SILENCE

**LYLA:** Now, may we all bring our thoughts or prayers to rest in the welcoming silence.

*(Wait at least one minute, two minutes if possible.)*

*(Ring bell.)*

## 22. ONE LAST CANDLE

*(Light the "Last Candle")*

**LYLA:** We light this last candle for all those joys and sorrows, which remain, in our hearts until the time comes to speak them aloud. Whatever our level of sharing, may this community be a blessing and support to us all.

## 23. UNISON WORDS OF SUPPORT From Paul Robeson

**LYLA:** Please join me in reading our unison words of support found in your order of service.

**CONGREGATION:** *Sorrow will one day turn to joy. All that breaks the heart and oppresses the soul will one day give place to peace and understanding and everyone will be free.*

## 24. HYMN #1067 *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden* (STJ)

**LYLA:** Please stand as you are able and join together in singing hymn number #1067 from your aqua hymnal entitled *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden*.

**CONGREGATION:** Mother Earth, beloved garden  
Living treasure under foot,  
All our days you ground our being:  
Sage and thistle, grass and root.  
Herbs to heal us, plants to feed us,  
Land to till and tend and plow.  
With the pendant, deep as midnight,  
North we ask you: be here now.

Father Air, your inspiration  
Holds together all that lives  
As we breathe, our minds see clearly,  
Leading us to love and give.  
Raging whirlwind, whispered breezes,

Violent gale and gentle cloud.  
With the blade as sharp as morning,  
East we ask you: be here now.

Brother Fire, great transformer,  
Share the passion of the sun.  
In our hearths, your warmth revives us,  
Cooks our food and heats our homes.  
Flaming candle, blood within us,  
Blazing desert, will to grow.  
With the wand, directing power,  
South we ask you: be here now.

Sister Water, ever flowing  
Ocean, river, pond and rain.  
Drink we now and quench our thirsting;  
Cleanse us, we begin again.  
Mist and ice, a host of changes:  
All that courage will allow  
With the cup, the holy chalice,  
West we ask you: be here now.

Lover Spirit, intuition  
In the centre of our souls  
In your love we find relation.  
All connected, we are whole.  
Timeless mystery, quiet conscience,  
Deepest values, voice inside.  
With the drum and with the cauldron,  
This we ask you: be here now

**25. SERMON**  
***A Faith To Change The World***

**BRUCE:** (TBD)

**26. HYMN**  
***#155 Circle 'Round for Freedom (STLT)***

**LYLA:** Please stand as you are able and join together in singing hymn number #155 from your grey hymnal entitled *Circle 'Round for Freedom*.

**CONGREGATION:** *Circle round for freedom,  
circle round for peace,  
for all of us imprisoned,  
circle for release,*

*circle for the planet,  
circle for each soul,  
for the children of our children,  
keep the circle whole.*

**27. CHALICE EXTINGUISHED/GOING FORTH**  
**From Harry Meserve**

**LYLA:** Please be seated.

I kindly ask Brian Reid to come forward to extinguish our chalice.

Please join Todd and I in our Going Forth words, which can be found in your Order of Service.

**TODD:** From making war and calling it peace, special privilege and calling it justice, indifference and calling it tolerance, pollution and calling it progress,

**CONGREGATION:** *may we be cured.*

**LYLA:** For telling ourselves and others that evil is inevitable while good is impossible,

**CONGREGATION:** *may we stand corrected.*

**ALL:** Amen.

**28. POSTLUDE**  
***Lord Make Me An Instrument* (John Rutter)**  
**Our Choir led by Cindy Carey**

**LYLA:** Please be seated for our postlude. Following the Postlude please join our Bulb Planting ceremony in the front garden led by Brian Reid and John Mitchell. The Bell will be rung in the foyer following the planting once the Q&A with our guest speaker Bruce Knotts is ready to begin.

*(If necessary, cue the musicians to play the Postlude.)*

**CHOIR:** (TBD)

(Todd will escort Bruce to the Sanctuary Doors so Bruce can shake hands and greet congregants as they leave the Sanctuary.)

**29. LEAVING MUSIC**  
***Selections from "The Prayer Cycle"* (Jonathan Elias)**

**30. FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**31. NARCISSUS BULB PLANTING FOR PEACE**  
**Led by Brian Reid, Chair, UNAC-Hamilton Branch and**  
**John Mitchell in our Front Garden.**

(While this ceremony takes place set the Sanctuary up for the Q&A. Give Bruce a Chair at the front to sit at with a table next to it with a glass of water. Give him a hand held mike to use. Set up two mikes in each aisle for congregants to ask questions.)

**32. Q&A AND POTLUCK WITH BRUCE KNOTTS**  
**In The Sanctuary and Hosted by Todd Fraleigh**

(Ring bell in Foyer and encourage congregants to assemble in the Sanctuary with their food and drink so they can partake in the Q&A with Bruce.)