

*A welcoming spiritual community advancing a positive message that teaches people of all ages and faiths how to thrive in a changing world.*

## Monthly Message



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The Fire of Fatherhood  
Happy Father's Day!  
Rev. Cherie Larkin

We are honoring our dads this month, but we are also looking at a bigger idea of the fathering aspect of life that helps us know who we are, and that we belong. Webster defines father as "male parent" but also as "an originator or source." As a verb it is "to provide for, or care for. To father means to look after, to protect.

More than any other story in the gospel, the parable of the prodigal son illustrates a father's compassion. You will recall it is the story of a young man who left this father's home, went out and had a grand time, fell flat on his face, hungry, then came back home, hoping his dad would take him back. When his father saw him approaching from a great distance, he rushed to meet him, embraced him. It is one of the most vivid and passionate spiritual images. When we turn to God, God rushes to meet us.

Some art historians call Rembrandt's oil painting, *Return of the Prodigal Son*, the greatest picture ever painted. It illustrates pure love. The father holding his son. The son resting against his father's breast. The story isn't really about human love of an earthly father. It is the story of divine love and its power to transform us. It is about homecoming, knowing that we are not alone.

A few weeks ago, I heard my 10-year-old nephew say to his 14-year-old sister, who was crying, "You don't have to cry. You don't have to do anything to be loved." I invite you to re-read that line. "You don't have to do anything to be loved." Jesus reminded us, "Know ye not that ye are all children of the most high?"

Are you feeling estranged from your father? The love of the Divine can bring you back home. Unclench your fists, open your arms. Look for what you love in common with another. There were times when I felt disconnected from my dad. Whenever I felt that way, I would sit in his favorite chair or pick up one of the hammers or wrenches he worked with for many years. I could feel his hands on it. I could feel the love and devotion he worked with to provide for our family.

What do you love in common with your father, or a father figure? Find it and then throw yourself completely into the fire of the relationship. Honor the life-generating protective essence that is present in our fathers. Give thanks for the goodness, the intelligence, and the love that inspires us to rise up again and again. Thank you to all dad's everywhere!

### Special points of interest:

- **Friendship Sunday**
- **Thank you!**
- **CPR**
- **Townhall**

## Chaplain's Article



Becky Morgan

### **“Our thoughts are prayers, and we are always praying...”**

“Our thoughts are prayers; take charge of what you’re saying.”

As Lucille Olson’s song suggests, our minds are always “listening in” on our words and thoughts – and possibly obeying those words as commands, without our realizing it. So, it’s good to watch one’s language!

For instance, I sometimes catch myself using the words “I am” casually to describe conditions I wouldn’t really want to associate with myself on a habitual basis. When I want to describe a condition that I hope is temporary, I try to change it to past tense, or change the words – so that it doesn’t sound as if the condition is a part of me.

For instance, if I’ve been ill, I’ll say, “I’m *healing* from a cold I had.” Or if feeling tired: “I’m going to rest to *build up my energy*.”

It helps if you put a little affirmative song in your head each day, which will play on “repeat” for you all day long. (“Every little cell in my body is happy!”)

It takes vigilance and practice, but we can use our words to "trick" our minds (and by extension, our bodies) into doing and being more of what we want, if we take care to do so.

Once we get our minds into the habit of positive affirmation, we can influence our perceptions so that we see ourselves, and the world around us, in a brighter light. And when that happens, a shift can occur in what had seemed to be our physical reality, as well.

Though all that we experience depends on our perception, our perception is within our power to influence – and, gradually, to change.

So, “keep a higher consciousness, a state of peacefulness – and know that God is always there. And every thought becomes a prayer.”

May you keep a joyful song in your heart today, and may your mind be at peace!

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*Becky Morgan*

## *Sunday Service*

### **Sunday Service**

*Sunday Service In Person is at 10:00 AM and Via Facebook Live Stream at 10:15 AM.  
Live stream link on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Auburn-114140051995464/>*

*If you do not have a Facebook account, you will need one to watch the service. This link will tell you how to create a Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/help/188157731232424?helpref=topq>*



### **Sunday Friendship Service, June 11, 2023, 10:00 am With Jason & deMarco**

Invite your friends to join you at Unity of Auburn, Sunday, June 11th. Extend them an invitation to meet new people. They might make life-long friendships they didn't know could exist.

Get in contact with them for a chat and share a memory that will spark a fun conversation. Tell your friends how much you appreciate them. Challenge your circle of friends to share an experience they think none of your other friends have had. You'll discover new things about your friends and find out just how unique each of them is.

On Sunday, June 11th, Rev. Cherie will give the message, Jason and deMarco will provide the music, and Welcome packets and refreshments will be provided for a wonderful social time after the service in Manning Hall.

*Classes & Misc.*

**Frontiers of Consciousness**

" This class is being offered in person and on Zoom June 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please send an email to Jacob Walker at [Jacob.walker@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.walker@gmail.com).

**Sisters**

**Sisters is meeting every Wednesday from 3-5 pm in Manning Hall. All are welcome!**



When the time comes, if you need a helping hand, a word of encouragement the Unity Care and Concern Team will be there for you.

Thanks to all the members on our Unity Care and Concern Team who send cards, give rides to doctor appointments, drop by with a meal and a blessing, we so appreciate the strength and love this ministry team offers.

Each of you who serve are loved and blessed immensely.

With love, Rev. Cherie, and the Board of Trustees



Misc.



Hands Only CPR

June 24, 2023

10-11:00 am

Manning Hall

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Townhall Meeting  
Sunday, June 25, 2023  
After Service

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# Unity of Auburn June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:00 am Celebration Service	5 Office Open	6 Office Open	7 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters	8	9	10
11 10:00 am Friendship Sunday Celebration Service With Jason & deMarco	12 Office Open	13 Office Open	14 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters	15	16	17
18 10:00 am Father's Day Celebration Service	19 Office Open	20 Office Open	21 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters	22	23	24 10-11 am Hands Only CPR Training
25 10:00 am Celebration Service Annual Meeting After Service	26 Office Open 5:00 pm Frontiers of Consciousness	27 Office Open	28 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters	29	30	

## *Our Financial Picture*

### **INCOME AND EXPENSES APR. 2023**

<b>Income</b>	
Love Offerings	\$ 7,586.56
Tenant Rent	\$ 1,136.00
Facility Rent	\$ 2,755.00
Adult Ed	\$ 172.85
Refreshments	\$ 43.00
Fundraising	\$ -
Misc. Income	
Thrift Store	\$ 2,728.11
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,421.52</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Building	\$ 4,786.58
Tithes	\$ -
Ministry/Mission	\$ 730.00
Mortgage	\$ 2,366.67
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,867.41
Thrift Store Expenses	\$ 39.44
Office Administration	\$ 548.28
Technology & Software	\$ 79.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,417.38</b>
<b>Net Adjusted Income</b>	<b>\$ (995.86)</b>

We are especially grateful to everyone who responded to our request to make offerings via PayPal, mail in, credit card and bank transfer.

**Your generosity is inspiring!**

And we again affirm that there are no obstacles, only opportunities as we continue to manifest the abundance that will allow us to continue our mission and make our vision a reality.

## Board of Directors



Donal Smith

### A Wonderful Prayer-Poem for Life

When I was a very young boy, my guess I was four or five at the time, my parents taught me the beloved prayer and poem, The Prayer of Faith. I fondly remember dad or mom coming into my brother's and my bedroom (at our bedtime) and listening to us say our prayers. I remember that first prayer to be, 'The "God is my help in every need, prayer." My brother, who was six years older than I, was frequently, 'and not so quietly, snickering,' while I was seriously trying to recite the prayer correctly for my patiently awaiting parents.

Alas, I didn't know it at the time, but THAT prayer would follow me all the days of my life...not because I memorized the prayer, but because 'its words seemed to capture every aspect, every subject, every element, every new encounter of my young, burgeoning life.

And it figures that It became more than just 'a lovely prayer 'To God,' but later a means for my having 'a personal relationship, an intimate conversation, a daily interaction with the "Christ the Truth, that is in me."

Whether it was my high school or college education, "I now am wise, I now am true, patient and kind, and loving, too," the Prayer of Faith made perfect sense' and seemed to apply to each new lesson, encounter I made growing up (both in my truth and formal education). All things I am, can do, and be..." served me well in making difficult decisions in 'the best of times and in the occasional 'not so best of times ("God is my health, I can't be sick; God is my strength, unfailing, quick:" Such simple, beautiful, powerful (pragmatic) words to live by.

And interesting to note, I most recently found out that The Prayer of Faith is the most often used prayer in Unity...and that it was a favorite of Myrtle Fillmore. In fact, the first time this prayer appeared in a Unity publication was in the August 1898 issue of WEE WISDOM, the Unity monthly magazine for children, in an article titled, "The Truth Child's Rosary" - with a byline, 'Aunt Myrtle,' and credit for the prayer is given to Hannah More Kohaus.

Hannah More Kohaus is believed to have attended the Higher Thought Center in England, going on to lead the Science of Being Center, which became the Church of New Thought in 1904.

Later, the poem was included in Unity Song Selections, the 1941 Unity hymnal. It remains popular today, perhaps the most recited (and beloved) prayer by Unity congregations and members after only James Dillet Freeman's "Prayer for Protection."

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Donal Smith

**The Prayer of Faith**

**God is my help in every need.**

**God does my every hunger feed;**

**God walks beside me, guides my way**

**Through very moment of this day.**

**I now am wise, I now am true,**

**Patient and kind, and loving, too;**

**All things I am, can do, and be,**

**Through Christ the Truth, that is in me.**

**God is my health, I can't be sick;**

**God is my strength, unfailing, quick;**

**God is my all, I know no fear,**

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## Lessons and Soloists

### June 2023 Talk Titles

June 4, 2023

Talk: TBD

Soloist: Dennis Cain

June 11, 2023 ~ Friendship Sunday

Talk: TBD

Soloists: Jason and DeMarco

June 18, 2023

Talk: TBD

Soloist: Anne Roberts

June 25, 2023

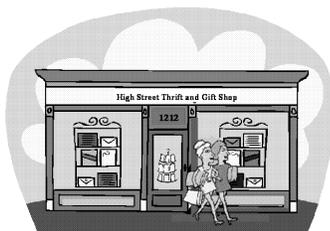
Talk: TBD

Soloist: Michael Lawson



*“Summertime is always the best of what might be.”*

*— Charles Bowden*



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