

2020-2021 UUCSC WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Adria Evans, Chair

This very different Covid year calls for a different-from-usual report. The Worship Committee met in September 2020 and resumed meeting in February 2021. Thus throughout the autumn and into the winter, Rev. DL with Lee Cowan and Michael Galib picked up more work during this time, and tried a variety of worship formats for online services to reach congregants. Starting with recorded sermons, services expanded to include both music and congregation members' participation. Elise Bender, Sky Kimball, and Cathleen Carr encouraged us all to vote in the November election, for example. Our first live-on-zoom first Sundays began on February 7, and by April 6 services became live zooms with coffee hours. *The Worship Committee wants to acknowledge DL's inspirational work and leadership.*

There were other treats this winter. With increasing technical savvy, Michael and the choir brought us music and the joy of seeing their faces. See the Valentine Day video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHyXeOBIQ-w> And Lee's ongoing puppetry, stories, and outdoor teachings gathered us all, children and adults.

When we reconvened in February, Adria Evans became chair, and we began to think about summer in earnest, while also providing feedback to Rev. DL about where changes to the current virtual services would feel helpful. The meetings this spring have been extremely productive. We have planned for an exciting summer of worship, and recently the Communications Committee stepped forward to provide technical support for our zoom-based summer services. Truly a collaborative labor of love.

In addition to three 2020 services led by other UU congregational ministers and/or the UUA, DL and the Worship Committee brought the following speakers:

January 10: Sally Barney, Sarah Bell, Tracy Hart
January 26: Valerie Tutson
January 31: Eva Agudelo (plus Nessa Richman for coffee hour)
February 21: Christopher Johnson, Big Lux/Kevin Lowther
March 28: Matt Meyer
April 11: Mwangi Gitahi
April 25: Kathy Swink
May 8: Linda Whyte Burrell
May 30: Adria Evans

The Worship Committee is responsible for summer zoom services (July 11-August 15).

We all hope to reconvene in the chapel in September 2021.

MEMBERS: Adria Evans, Amber Collins, (recently relocated to RI) Ann Seemann, Johnette Rodriguez, Kathy Swink, Susan Strakosch