

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunday, May 12, 2019

MOTHER'S DAY

◀ Gathering ▶

***GATHERING HYMN #95** There Is More Love Somewhere

WELCOME

Aaron Pied, Board of Trustees

CALL TO WORSHIP & CHALICE LIGHTING

**Cynthia Shires-Thurston,
Worship Associate**

WISDOM STORY

Big Momma Makes the World
-Phyllis Root (adapted)

Carla Miller, DRE [9:00 a.m.]
Andy Moore [11:15 a.m.]

***COVENANT**

Rev. Lynn Strauss & Congregation

*Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.
Carry this flame as a symbol of our covenant.*

***HYMN #414**

As We Leave This Friendly Place

◀ Centering ▶

PRAYER & MEDITATION

Rev. Strauss

Spoken & Silent

SUNG RESPONSE

The 23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)
-Bobby McFerrin

Adult Choir

◀ Gratitude ▶

READING

"First Weeks"
-Sharon Olds

Cynthia Shires-Thurston

OFFERTORY

The Mother
-Brandi Carlile

**Sarah Jebian, vocals
Justin Furnia, piano**

◀ Exploration ▶

READINGS	"Grown Children," "Sleep Suite" -Sharon Olds	Rev. Strauss
ANTHEM	<i>Big Momma Makes the World</i> -Jane Perry	Adult Choir
SERMON	<i>Top Country Songs about Mom</i>	Rev. Strauss
*CLOSING HYMN #1014	Answering the Call of Love	

◀ Sending Forth ▶

BENEDICTION		Rev. Strauss
POSTLUDE #409	Sleep, My Child	Sarah Jebian & Justin Furnia

***Congregation rises in body or spirit**

Silent Candles of Joy and Sorrow

This morning you are invited to find the table of candles along the windows on the left side of the Sanctuary. Feel free to light a candle either before or after the service.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to our worship service this morning.

Ushers:	Antonio Carrillo, Ginger Dixon, Gayle Hancock, Mark Shannon Ginger Dixon, Anne McCaffrey, Scott Reilly
Situation Leader:	Bill Newhouse
Greeters:	Rick Simpson Viki Betancourt; Adrian Graham, Dir. of Comms & Membership
Storytellers:	Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education Andy Moore
Hymn Leader:	Sarah Jebian, Director of Music
Musicians:	Adult Choir; Sarah Jebian, vocals; Justin Furnia, piano
Sound:	Bill Newhouse
Flowers:	Emily Untermeyer
Hospitality:	Mary Lanigan, Jon Landenburger
Worship Steward:	Glenn Griffin
Worship Associate:	Cynthia Shires-Thurston
Worship Leader:	Rev. Lynn Strauss

We extend a warm **welcome** to all who worship here today. Please join us each Sunday for fellowship and conversation between the morning services. We hope you will take part in **our Middle Hour activities at 10:15 a.m.**, and we hope this community can be a place of meaning, inspiration, celebration, and joy for you and your family.