

## Mingling of the Waters - 8-25-19

As we join our special waters together this morning, we will be doing so in a manner that is somewhat different than how we have done it in years past. Instead of sharing information about our water as has been done in prior years, today, Laurel will play as we add our water to the community bowl as we remain silent. Our action of adding our water and the water we add will do the speaking.

You will notice that there is already a small amount of water in the bottom of the large bowl sitting on the table. This water was saved from Water Ceremony services in years past. It represents the UUFB community that has come before. After our service today the water in our bowl will be purified and saved for use in special rituals throughout the coming year. Part of the water collected today will be poured into the communal bowl at next year's Water Ceremony. This will be done to remind us that the water, the stories, and life of this Fellowship flows on.

To begin the mingling of waters, I will invite anyone who would care to participate to come forward when you feel moved to do so. I would suggest that when coming forward people either use the aisle to my left or go out the entrance door, go through the hallway next to the kitchen, and form a line in the social hall, just as we sometimes do during Joys and Concerns. Once you have added your water, you can return to your seat by going down the aisle to my right. We will take as much time as is needed to allow everyone to add their water to the communal bowl.

I invite any of you who would care to add your water to please begin coming forward now.