



## May Calendar



The hybrid model for programming which combines people gathering at the church with others linked in remotely through ZOOM continues as will use of the new camera/microphone (OWL) which allows the people on zoom and at church to see and hear each other better. While the services begin at 10, the zoom room will be open at 9 for those who wish to engage in conversation about a variety of topics and issues.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Presenter/facilitator</i>
April 30	10:00	UU Traditions, Old	Arthur Thexton
May 7	10:00	UU Traditions, New	Arthur Thexton
May 8	9:00	Board Meeting via zoom	
May 14	10:00	Bread and Roses	Dennis Peters
May 21	10:00	Annual Meeting Third Sunday potluck will follow the meeting/service	Board and All
May 28	11:30	Memorial Day Picnic	All

Arthur says this about his 2-part reflections: We have lots of traditions and rituals. Congregational polity, and freedom of the pulpit have been around for 200 years, while the 6 sources and 7 principles are less than 50. Some rituals are pretty old, like the traditional words of the wedding vows. Some are sort of middle aged, like the flower communion, devised in the 1930's by The Rev. Norbert Čapek, for his Unitarian congregation in Czechoslovakia. Even younger, surprisingly, is the lighting of a chalice, which did not become common until the 1980s. We'll talk about some of these, what they mean, and why they are important.

Dennis says this about his service: James Oppenheim's poem was published in December of 1911. Helen Todd, women's suffragist (among other things) helped to popularize the phrase in 1910. The textile workers' strike began in January of 1912, and took the poem (and song) as its theme. What exactly does it mean? Let's take a look at how it applies to us, here in our current world.

Logistics for the Memorial Day picnic will be announced.