

April

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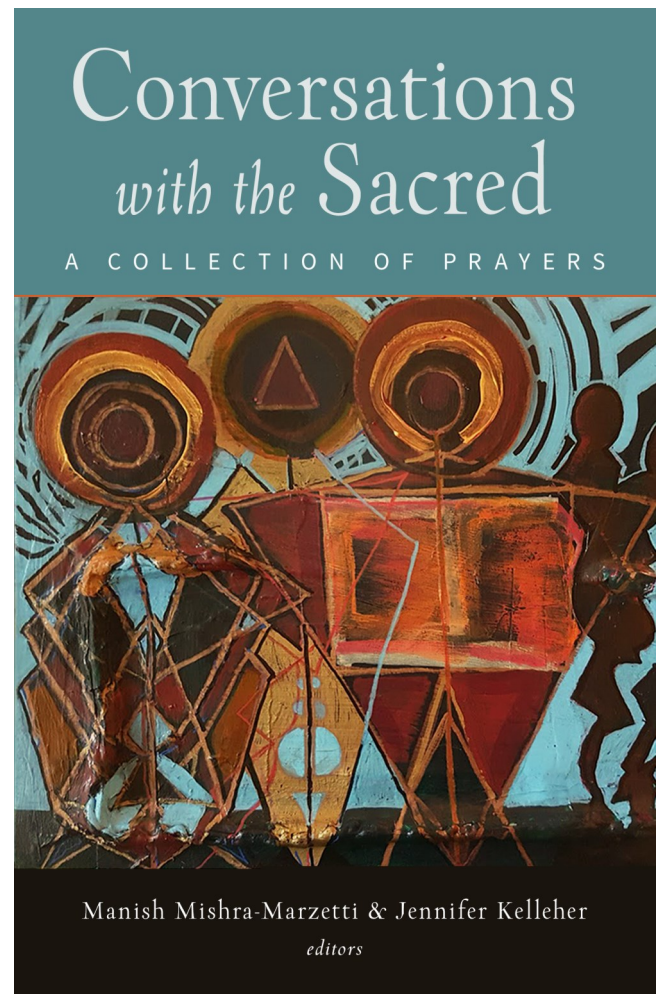
Conversations with the Sacred: A Collection of Prayers

Bringing alive the heartfelt words and artwork contributed by creators diverse in spiritual perspective and identity, *Conversations with the Sacred* is a moving testimony to the power of prayer. Prayers of love, lamentation, justice, inspiration, and transcendence—all are here, thoughtfully selected by editors Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Kelleher. Whatever your relationship to prayer, whether it comes naturally, you have a complicated history with it, or have never prayed before, *Conversations with the Sacred* is a powerful and accessible resource for anyone looking to explore or deepen a spiritual practice of reflection or prayer.

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Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti serves as Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has served extensively in UU leadership, including as president of the Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) and as a trustee on the UUA Board of Trustees. Prior to entering the ministry, he was a US diplomat during the Clinton Administration. He loves desert hiking and his amazing kids and husband.

Rev. Jennifer Kelleher serves as the Assistant Minister of Lifespan Faith Development and Pastoral Care at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, New Jersey. A life-long Unitarian Universalist, Jennifer has served on several congregation clergy teams, as a hospital chaplain, in chapter leadership within the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and as a Board member of Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center.



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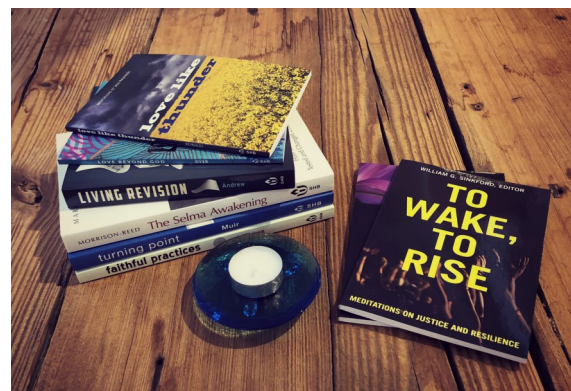
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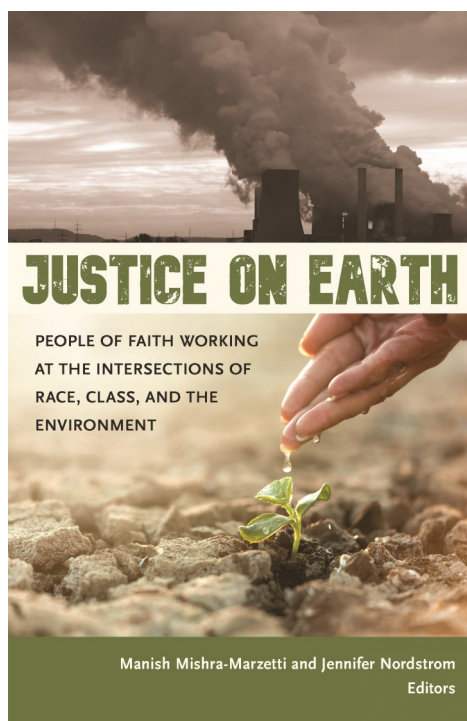
Virtual Sharing Guidelines

As many congregations and communities are looking to develop virtual services and programs we've gotten questions about permission and use of UUA publications and Skinner House books. We've created two helpful guides to refer to:

- If you're wondering what UUA publications you can use when streaming or posting recordings of your worship service, check out this [resource](#).
- If you have publications or other materials from the UUA or Skinner House books that you want to use for online faith development such as religious education or small group ministry, check out these [guidelines](#).



Looking to purchase from inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop? You can place orders [online](#), email bookstore@uua.org or call 1-800-215-9076. Thank you for your continued support!



Recommended Resources for Earth Day

[*Earth Day: An Alphabet Book*](#)—Children and adults will delight in *Earth Day*, a poem of gratitude that celebrates life on earth. In alphabetical order, the wonders of nature leap from the page, reminding readers that every day is a reason to give thanks and that miracles are as simple as ABC. For ages 3 and up.

[*Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*](#)—Fourteen activist ministers and lay leaders apply a keen intersectional analysis to the environmental crisis, revealing ways that systems of oppression intersect with and contribute to ecological devastation. The 2018-19 UUA Common Read. A discussion guide is available [online](#).

[*The Sustainable Soul: Eco-Spiritual Reflections and Practices*](#)—A poignant and inspirational guide for a journey toward ecological spirituality and sustainable culture. Each chapter contains an essay and spiritual practices designed for both group and individualized reflection.



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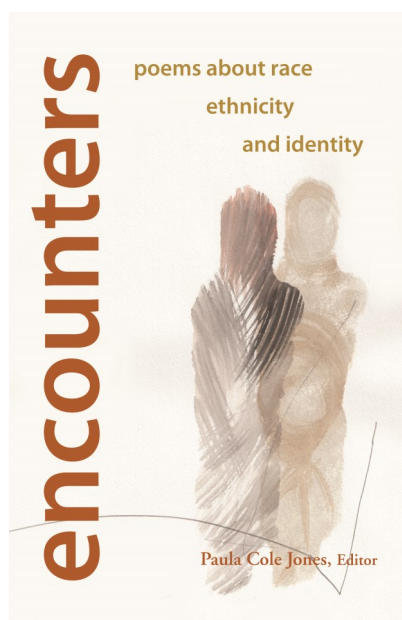
In times like these, you might need a little extra solace and inspiration. We recommend picking up a book in the inSpirit Series for a moment of reflection or self-care. We hope these meditations on resilience, justice, and more will nourish your spirit. Here are some of the recent titles in the series:

[*Love Beyond God*](#)—This timely collection explores faith, race, love, identity, and more, and invites us to think deeply about our place and role in contemporary society.

[*Love Like Thunder*](#)—A vibrant new poetic voice invites us into an intimate relationship with nature, God, and love itself. Jess Reynolds' lyric poetry flows like water between genders, between body and spirit, and between earth and sky.

[*Spilling the Light: Meditations on Hope and Resilience*](#)—One of the most creative voices in Unitarian Universalism today tends to our souls and emboldens us to become our truest selves.

[*To Wake, To Rise: Meditations on Justice and Resilience*](#)—An anthology of 29 poems, prayers, and reflections about resisting oppression and keeping the faith in social action work.



April's Goodreads [Book Club](#) Pick

April is National Poetry Month and our group read is [*Encounters: Poems about Race, Ethnicity and Identity*](#), edited by Paula Cole Jones. With titles including "Poem for the Young White Man Who Asked Me How I, an Intelligent, Well-Read Person, Could Believe in the War Between Races" and "Being Jewish in a Small Town," *Encounters* offers many thought-provoking insights into race, ethnicity, and identity. Editor Paula Cole Jones is the founder of ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity) and a former president of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries).



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