

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are Welcome!

- Monday Oct 10:** **Water Ceremony:** following a tradition drawn from Unitarian Universalism, water is explored as a symbol of unity in diversity. With YDS Alum Randall Spaulding leading and preaching.
- Tuesday Oct 11:** **A Service of the Word.** Graduating student Robin Hafitz preaching.
- Wednesday Oct 12:** **A Service of the Word.** Professor Benjamin Valentin preaching.
- Thursday Oct 13:** **Sung Morning Prayer:** Community in Christ
- Friday October 14:** **Community Eucharist:** with Maria LaSala and Bill Goettler co-preaching and co-presiding.
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Reducing our Carbon Footprint

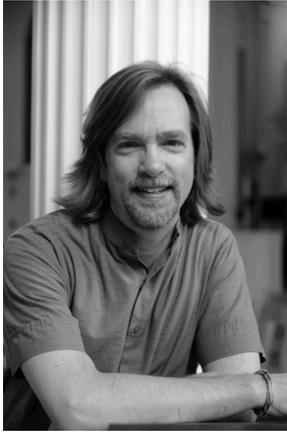
We have already carried out a number of steps in Chapel to reduce our carbon footprint:

- We replaced all our lightbulbs with LED lighting, and moved the furniture to make the “off” switch easily accessible for Chapel users.
- We replaced dyed paper with unbleached, recycled paper.
- We reduced the amount of paper we use by reducing the information we put in each bulletin, so that most of our bulletins are now one sheet of paper instead of two. We also condensed the Marquand Reader on to one sheet.
- We are currently looking in to possible heating and aircon savings.

During this week we will make use of a few methods that have the potential to reduce our use of paper and ink through the course of the year:

- On **Tuesday** we will invite everyone to share a bulletin. Worship songwriter John Bell claims that people sing better when they are in close proximity. Ask yourself: does sharing enhance or detract from your worship experience?
- On **Wednesday** we will use a large screen. Many people find they react against large screens because they are associated with particular styles of worship. See whether your reaction to the screen is practical, or emotional, and ask yourself whether this is a style you could accommodate.
- In advance of **Thursday**, we will Divmail a link to the service bulletin. If you would like to, you can download this on to your phone/iPad/eReader and use that in Chapel.

At the end of the week we will canvas for opinion. Be honest! When paper is really needed, we will use it. We want to find out where we can reduce usage without diminishing our worship experience. Thank you, everyone, for your partnership in this project.



Randall Spaulding is a YDS Alum, and former Chapel Minister. He now serves as a Chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital. He first adapted the UU Water Ceremony for use in Marquand a few years ago, and we are glad to welcome him back this week.

The Water Ceremony (sometimes called Water Communion), was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often in September, at the beginning of the UU church year. Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. At an appointed time in the service, people pour their water together into a large bowl, telling stories about what the water signifies for them. The combined water is then a symbol of shared faith coming from many different sources. It may then be blessed, and is sometimes later boiled for use as the congregation's "holy water" in child dedication ceremonies and similar events.

In Marquand, the Water Ceremony is adapted to express our ecumenical community: with our varied expressions of faith and different styles of worship, there are ways in which we can recognize our common humanity, and shared spiritual longings.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE BRING A SMALL CONTAINER OF WATER TO THIS SERVICE. Bring water from any place that is special to you: a favorite spot by a river, sea or sound, a pool, a church baptistry, the kitchen of a loved one, or even your own kitchen tap. **But do not bring any contaminated water!** If you want to pray for places where water is contaminated, bring a symbol of that place instead.

If you have questions about Marquand, or ideas for inclusion in a future service, please talk to the Dean of Chapel, or to any member of the Marquand Chapel Team, or the Marquand Advisory Committee.

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