### We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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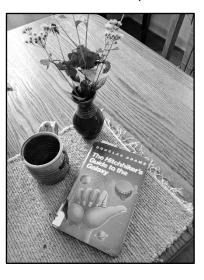
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# Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign

Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice. Find peace



There is a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable.

There is another theory which states that this has already happened.
- Douglas Adams

# The Hitchhiker's Guide to Living in Crazy and Perilous Times

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Rev. Florence Caplow

Deanna Hence, Reader and Worship Associate Matthew Gladden, Pianist

We are a "Welcoming Congregation" for the LGBTQIA+ Community

#### ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday, August 25, 2019

All readings today from The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams

Gathering Chime/Tower Bell

Prelude "Life on Mars?" David Bowie

Welcome and Announcements James Engelhardt, Board of Trustees

Greeting Our Neighbors/Centering Chime

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

**Unison Chalice Lighting** 

As it was written, in large, friendly letters:

"Don't Panic"

In that spirit we light our chalice today.

\*Hymn 309 "Earth Is Our Homeland"

1st Reading

Offertory "Across the Stars" John Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Sharing Joys and Sorrows** 

May the longtime sunshine upon you, all love surround you, And the pure, pure light that's within you, guide your way home.

3rd Reading

**Reflection** "The Hitchhiker's Guide to Living in Crazy and Perilous Times" Rev. Florence Caplow

4th Reading

\*Hymn 134 "Our World Is One World"

\*Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice/Closing Chime

**Postlude** "Allemande" from *Suite in A Major* G.P. Telemann

"So long, and thanks for all the fish!"

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS

#### ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Welcome! Please stay after the service for coffee and snacks.

Visit the Welcome Table in the lobby for name tags and to fill out a visitor's card to join our mailing list. Visit the Connections Hub Table in Fellowship Hall for more information about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, and to chat with welcoming members.

We're so pleased that you've visited us, and we hope you visit again soon.

**Hospitable Parking.** Please reserve spaces in the parking lot for guests and newcomers and for persons with limited mobility. You'll find a map of closeby parking areas at the Connections Hub table in Fellowship Hall.

Our intention is to have a Fragrance-Free building. Please choose to be fragrance free out of respect for those who are affected by scents.

**eNews and quarterly Uniter.** If you would like to receive our weekly eNews and quarterly Uniter, please sign up at the Welcome table or visit  $\frac{\text{https://goo.gl/xgv6Kk}}{\text{https://goo.gl/xgv6Kk}}$ .

**Young Adult Group.** Are you ages 18-35? Join us after service in Fellowship Hall for conversations important to young adults or young at heart.

**For Your Information:** Church events, including services, may be recorded and/or photographed. This is an AED equipped facility. The AED is located in the lobby, near the Green Street entry.

## JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 "LEARNINGS FROM MONTGOMERY"

**REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW** 

This service will be held in Fellowship Hall, due to high temperatures in our un-airconditioned Sanctuary. We plan to return to the Sanctuary on September 8th, weather permitting

#### **Upcoming Weekly Calendar**

#### Sunday, August 25

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Library
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom
Nursery / 10:00 a.m. / Classroom #4
Summer RE / 10:15 a.m. / Classroom #1
Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Fellowship Hall
Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall
Religious Education Leader Training / 12:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel,
Classrooms #1, #2, #3, #4

#### Monday, August 26

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, August 27

(DSC Playgroup) / 8:30 a.m. / Classroom #4 Board of Trustees Business Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Classroom #1 LGBTQ Welcome Team / 7:00 p.m. / Library

#### Wednesday, August 28

Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest. UU Playgroup / 9:00 a.m. / Classroom #4 United Dream Team Purpose Sub Team Meeting / 5:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel

CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary (Smart Recovery) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1 United Dream Team / 7:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel

#### Thursday, August 29

UU Women's Lunch Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall (Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

#### Friday, August 30

No events scheduled

#### Saturday, August 31

(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 4:30 p.m. / Classroom #1

#### For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit <u>uucuc.org/uucuc-calendar.</u>

#### **Announcements**

**Today's Hospitality Team C Volunteers! Bellringer:** Renee Trilling; **Ushers**: James Engelhardt, Pat McClard and Cindy Ingold; **Welcomers**: Jonny and Penne Beckett, Tom Bohlen, Scott Godlew, and Janet Barrett; **Decorations:** Pat Feely; **Snacks**: Sandy Hannum, Melissa Watson, Tania Madrigal, Theresa Benson, and Jan Kalmar.

Our Shared Offering for August 2019 is "Latino Partnership of Champaign County NFP (LPCC)." LPCC was formed for charitable and educational purposes and their mission includes to eliminate discrimination, to defend human and civil rights protected by law, and to support instruction or training of individuals to develop and improve their skills and abilities.

The Board of Trustees will have its next business meeting on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom #1. The meeting is open to members and friends.

Rev. Caplow will be offering a six-week Buddhist mediation class at Channing-Murray - "Wisdom, Compassion, and the Path of Awakening." Thursdays, September 3 through October 10, 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Open to all. No meditation experience needed. Please register here: https://tinyurl.com/y45kbcsl

The first Committee Council Meeting, hosted by the Board of Trustees, will be held Thursday, September 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Committee chairs - please reserve the date or make sure a representative can come to the meeting. Anyone else who is interested in learning about some of the workings of our church are also welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Brian McDermott at vicechair@uucuc.org or at 217-417-6811.

Save the Date - The annual Pride Parade sponsored by the UP Center is set for Saturday, September 28th, to begin at 3 pm. We don't yet know the gathering time, but watch the eNews closer to that date. UUCUC has requested a place in the parade, the more the merrier!

Friend of UUCUC Susan Parenti and the School for Designing a Society here in CU will be bringing together ten local people and ten people from around the world for three months this fall in an intensive exploration of possible creative responses to climate change. Host housing is needed for several of the participants. Participants will be covering their own food costs. All that is needed is a sleeping space. Housing needs to be arranged before September 1. Please contact Susan for more information, at <a href="mailto:susanroseparenti@gmail.com">susanroseparenti@gmail.com</a>.

Are you interested in visiting The Holocaust Museum in Northbrook, Illinois? Gail Cohen is arranging a group admission fee, services of a docent, bus to and from the location and lunch. The full-day trip would take place on a September or October weekday. Please email Gail if you are interested: <a href="mailto:gailsquilt@gmail.com">gailsquilt@gmail.com</a>.



#### Religious education leader training! TODAY, August 25<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:00 PM

All religious education leadership is invited to attend our first training of the year TODAY, August 25th from Noon to 2:00 pm. The first hour will be an introduction to this year's program. During the second hour, small groups will rotate through three workshops which will equip them for the upcoming year!

#### **Important Upcoming Dates!**

- Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 7th-9th grade will begin Sunday, September 8th 4:30-6:30 PM. Parents must attend an orientation on EITHER Wednesday, September 4th or Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 PM.
- Adult Religious Education Program: Resolving Conflict, Finding Agreement, Part One: Saturday, September 14 from 9am to 1pm.
- First day of children and youth RE classes: Sunday, September 15th at 10:15 am. Registration is now open.
- More information and registration links can be found in this week's eNews. You can also email Michele Grove at re-director@uucuc.org and she will send you information.
- This promises to be an exciting year!

