

**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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## Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign

*Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice.  
Find peace.*



# The Power of Celebration!

Sunday, September 29, 2019

10:15 am

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

Jennifer Green, Worship Associate; Matthew Gladden, Piano



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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

September 29, 2019

### Gathering Chime & Tower Bells

**Prelude** "Libertango" Astor Piazzolla

### Board Welcome, Greeting Our Neighbors & Centering Chime

#### \*Land Acknowledgment

#### Unison Chalice Lighting

"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens...  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance..."  
As we light our chalice flame this morning  
we honor and celebrate these ancient truths.

**Opening Words** Rev. Florence Caplow

**\*Hymn #361** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

**Story** "On the Night You Were Born" Nancy Tillman

**Song** We hold you in our love as you grow, as you grow,  
May your heart be at peace as you grow.  
To nurture the spark of your precious life,  
We hold you in our love as you grow. (Kathleen Tracy)

#### Community Matters

**Offertory** "Impromptu in A-flat Major" Franz Schubert

#### Sharing Joys and Sorrows

May the longtime sun, shine upon you, all love surround you,  
And the pure, pure light that's within you, guide your way home. (Sara Thomsen)

**Reading** "I Worried" Mary Oliver

**Reflection** "The Power of Celebration" Rev. Florence Caplow

**\*Hymn #311** "Let It Be a Dance"

#### \*Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

**Postlude** "How Majestic" Sandi Patty

#### Land Acknowledgment

We recognize, honor, and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations.

### 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 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 close-by parking areas at the Connections Hub table in Fellowship Hall.

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

**Rose Window Center:** Silphium, Prairie Flower. Created in 1987 by the Herricks.

**Banner on Chancel:** This wheel represents Buddhism. It is called the Wheel of Doctrine. Its eight spokes symbolize the eightfold path taught by the Nepal-born Gautama Buddha, which will lead devout believers to enlightenment, to Nirvana.

**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 <https://tinyurl.com/y4pqk8lt>.

**Young Adult Table.** 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, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. 10:15 AM

"DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE"

(AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS)

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

## Upcoming Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 29

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Library  
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom  
Racial Justice Project Business Meeting / 9:00 a.m. / Fireplace Room  
Children's Choir / 9:15 a.m. / Classroom #1  
Nursery / 10:00 a.m. / Classroom #4  
Religious Education / 10:15 a.m. / Children's Chapel, Classrooms #1, #2, #3,  
OWL Classroom, YRUU Classroom  
Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary  
Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall  
Everybody's Birthday Celebration! / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall  
UU Voices Book Group / 12:00 p.m. / Classroom #1  
Pathway to Membership Class / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel  
OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Library, OWL Classroom

### Monday, September 30

Personnel Committee Meeting / 11:00 a.m. / Library  
Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel  
UU Horn Band Rehearsal / 6:45 p.m. / Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 1

(DSC Playgroup) / 8:30 a.m. / Classroom #4  
Worship Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Library

### Wednesday, October 2

*Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest.*  
UU Playgroup / 9:00 a.m. / Classroom #4  
CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary  
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1  
Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Sanctuary  
Dream Team / 7:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel

### Thursday, October 3

Buddhist Meditation Class / 4:30 p.m. / Channing Murray  
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

### Friday, October 4

No events scheduled

### Saturday, October 5

Lin Foote Memorial Service / 3:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

*For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [uucuc.org/blog/church-calendar-monthly](http://uucuc.org/blog/church-calendar-monthly)*

## Announcements

**Today's Hospitality Team A Volunteers! Bellringer:** Unassigned; **Ushers:** Jenna Zeidler, John Milano, and David Wolf; **Welcomers:** Jennifer Greene, Pam and Lan Richart; **Decorations:** Unassigned; **Snacks:** Everyone's Birthday Event.

### **Our Shared Offering for September is the Channing-Murray Foundation.**

The mission of the Channing-Murray Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to explore Unitarian-Universalism spirituality, reflect our concern for social justice, and affirm diversity through outreach to the campus community of Urbana-Champaign.

**UUCUC Intergenerational Birthday Celebration TODAY!** After the service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall where you can enjoy some birthday cake by sitting at your birth month table. The cake is provided by our generous volunteers and non-cake options will be available!

**UU Voices Book Group Resumes TODAY!** Led by Rev. Florence Caplow, the book group will be meeting at Noon in Classroom #1 to begin our fall discussion of "Buddhist Voices in Unitarian Universalism." For this first meeting, it is not necessary to have read the book.

### **Pathway to Membership Class TODAY at 1:00 p.m. in Children's Chapel!**

Learn about UUCUC governance, activities, opportunities and social action mission. Learn about benefits and responsibilities of membership. Meet others interested in UUCUC membership. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to "sign the book" and become a member if you choose. Light snacks provided. Childcare available. Questions - contact Sherry Bohlen at [membership@uucuc.org](mailto:membership@uucuc.org).

**A Memorial Service for our beloved Lin Foote** will be held on Saturday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of UUCUC, with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

**Safety GUURU Team** is looking for volunteers to help on a rotating basis to be leaders in the event of emergent circumstances during church services and into the social hour. This might include weather, fire, injury, intruder, and other situations —with training to be provided. We will have an initial meeting to clarify and handle Q&A after the service at 11:45 a.m. on October 13. Contact Scott Godlew at [Scott@Godlew.com](mailto:Scott@Godlew.com) or Pat Feely at [Patty\\_Feely@bcbsil.com](mailto:Patty_Feely@bcbsil.com).

**As of August 13, Gail Schiesser has stepped down from her role as UUCUC Treasurer.** The Board is grateful to Gail for her service to the congregation as Treasurer since 2017. During that time Gail brought vision and was a driving force to move our budget and budgeting process into significantly closer alignment with a 'mission based' budget. Thank you, Gail, for your work! Board Member, Jerry Frye, has stepped in to address interim Treasurer-related activities.

## Sunday Morning Opportunities

Each Sunday, the following classes take place. Your children and youth are welcome to attend.

- PreKindergarten ages 3-4, Room #3
- Kindergarten-2nd grade, Room #2
- 3rd to 5th grade, Room #1
- Middle High Neighboring Faiths 6th-8th grade, Children's Chapel
- YRUU 9th-12th grade, Youth Room

Children and youth, ages 5-18, start in Sunday service and then are sung to class after the story.

## UUCUC's Religious Education Staff



If you want to learn more, reach out to any member of the religious education team! They are always happy to have a conversation and answer questions.

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## Looking for an Adult Religious Education Opportunity? Check out our Soul Matters Covenant Group Program!

Soul Matters Covenant Groups offer the gift of spiritual connection through small group engagement. Our groups will continue through May 2020 and will meet once per month — with some groups meeting occasionally more often.

Themes for 2019-20 include: **What Does It Mean to be a People of... Expectation, Belonging, Attention, Awe, Integrity, Resilience, Wisdom, Liberation, thresholds, and Play.**

Spiritual exercises are a vital part of the program designed to satisfy our deep collective hunger for experiential engagement. Reflection questions are equally vital as they invite us into individual exploration and spiritual discernment.

Look for Soul Matters Covenant Group Sign-Up Sheets on the bulletin board behind the Hub Table! If you want to participate in the October session, please sign-up by October 1.

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### ***New Question This Week from the Dream Team!***

On behalf of the Dream Team task force, we thank all who have responded to the questions we have posted over the last couple of months. Your voice is crucial as we create a collective vision to guide our church's future.

**RESPONSE REQUESTED:** This week, we are posing one new question:

**1. What are the elements of lifelong Religious Education (or whatever name is determined) that deepen your connection to UUCUC and enrich your life?**

We have paper at the HUB table in Fellowship Hall for you to answer this question near the basket marked "Future of UUCUC Responses." Once you have answered, please place the paper in the basket. If you need a pen or a pencil, please see one of the attendants at the Hub table. You may also answer this question online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DreamTeam8>. And if you have already answered these questions via the eNews, there is no need to answer it again today.

If you didn't answer the questions from previous weeks, please feel free to answer them electronically here: <https://tinyurl.com/yylsvkvy>