

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.*



Wild Strawberries: A World of Gifts

Sunday, February 9, 2020

10:15 am

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

**Jennifer Greene, Worship Associate
Matthew Gladden and Josh Bell, Piano
Austin Cody, Choir Director
Dana Antonelli, Children's Choir Director
ElizaBeth Simpson, Song Leader**



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

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 9, 2020

Gathering Chime & Tower Bells

Prelude "Magic Penny" Malvina Reynolds
sung by the UUCUC Children's Choir

Board Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbors James Engelhardt

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Unison Chalice Lighting

A gift comes to you through no action of your own...
You cannot earn it, or call it to you, or even deserve it. And yet it appears.
Your only role is to be open-eyed and present.
Gifts exist in a realm of humility and mystery. - Robin Wall Kimmerer

Generosity Testimonial Jenny Hunt

Song "Forget Your Perfect Offering"
from *Anthem* by Leonard Cohen, adaptation made by Numai Nguyen

Strawberry Sharing

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

First Reading: from *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Hymn #404 "What Gift Can We Bring?"

Community Matters Nathan Montgomery from "Salt and Light"

Offertory "Preludium No. 2" Clara Schumann

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

Reflection "Wild Strawberries" Rev. Florence Caplow

Anthem *Locus Iste* Anton Bruckner, sung by UUCUC Choir

Second reading: from *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

***Hymn #131** "Love Will Guide Us"

Closing Words, Chalice Extinguishing, & Chime

Postlude "Reverie" Claude Debussy

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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.

Accessibility. Ask ushers for hearing assistance devices or large print Orders of Service. Large print hymnals are in baskets under pews along center aisle.

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: Heart. Created in 1986 by the Herricks. A simple heart for valentine's day, and commonly used for events such as weddings. A symbol for love, caring.

Banner on Chancel: The nine pointed star is the symbol of the Baha'i faith. The star is not a part of the teachings of the Baha'i Faith.

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.

Visit Us on the Web. For further information about our church and recent news and upcoming events, please visit us at <https://uucuc.org/>.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

"A WEEK IN THE LIFE...STORIES FROM BETWEEN SUNDAYS"

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW & UUCUC STAFF

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom
Children's Choir Rehearsal / 9:00 a.m. / Classroom #1
Immigration Justice Task Force / 9:00 a.m. / Children's Chapel
Nursery / 10:00 a.m. / Classroom #4
Religious Education / 10:15 a.m. / Children's Chapel, Classrooms #1, #2, #3,
Library (Lower Level), YRUU Classroom
Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary
Rev. Caplow Speaks on Alabama / 3:00 p.m. / Bahá'í Center in Urbana
OWL K/1 / 4:00 p.m. / Classroom #2
OWL 8th-9th Grade / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room, Library (Lower Level)

Monday, February 10

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel
Indigenous People's History of the United States Book Group / 7:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel
OWL K/1 Leader Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Classroom #2

Tuesday, February 11

Board of Trustees Study Session / 6:30 p.m. / Classroom #1

Wednesday, February 12

Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest.
Mindfulness Group Facilitator Meeting / 11:00 a.m. / Children's Chapel
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1
CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Thursday, February 13

Care Core / 2:30 p.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
Meditation Class Series: Whole-Hearted Living in a Brokenhearted World
Class / 4:30 p.m. / Channing Murray Foundation
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

Friday, February 14

No events scheduled

Saturday, February 15

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

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

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team C Volunteers! Ushers: Becky Densmore, Pat McClard and Thom Bohlen; **Bellringers:** James Engelhardt; **Welcomers:** Marcy Joncich, Sandy Hannum, and Dave Sutton; **Decorations:** Theresa Benson (from Scott Godlew and Theresa Benson's wedding); **Snacks:** Beth Cobb, Denise Maple, Theresa Benson, Lisa Haynes and Jenny Lokshin.

Our Shared Offering for February is Salt & Light Ministries. Salt and Light Ministries "strives to empower individuals towards lasting change by affirming their dignity." The youth of UUCUC voted to nominate Salt & Light because of their revolutionary model for meeting basic needs of low-income families in C-U, while also providing a dignified work exchange opportunity.

Become part of the Leadership Circle! We are excited about the new possibilities for ministry here at UUCUC, but bringing on a part-time Associate Minister for Congregational Life next fall to share Rev. Caplow's ministry with us is going to take all of us showing up as leaders. You are invited to become part of the "Leadership Circle" for this bold new initiative by pledging or making a donation before our pledge campaign later this month. Regardless of your means, this Circle is open to you. For more information, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzgblyg>

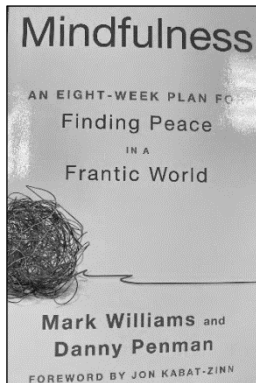
Rev. Caplow speaks on Alabama TODAY at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Caplow will be speaking and showing slides on her pilgrimage to Montgomery civil rights sites last May at the "Second Sunday" event at the Bahá'í Center, 807 E Green St. Urbana, IL.

The St. Olaf Choir is performing at Krannert on Tuesday, Feb 11. Jonah Herzog, who grew up in this church and sang in all levels of UUC choirs, sings tenor in the St. Olaf Choir and is ecstatic to be performing in his hometown. Come hear this inspiring ensemble!

Voices in Unitarian Universalism book group next meets on Sunday, February 16 at Noon in Classroom #1. Led by Rev. Caplow and focused on Humanist Voices. Rev. Caplow has copies of the book for anyone who wishes to borrow a copy.

The second of four in a series of travelogues will be 7 PM, Friday, February 28, in Fellowship Hall. This time it is "Cruise Ship Travels with UUCUC folks" and will again be under the banner of "Travel that UU Can Do." This talk will have even more photos than did the first in the series. No advance registration is needed. You will be invited to Alaska and/or South America. Any questions, contact David Gross DLGgeology@aol.com.

Save The Date! Upcoming Adult Learning Opportunity: Radical Peacemaking. Friday evening April 24th and Saturday April 25th. Led by Virginia Brubaker and Gail Schiesser. More detailed information coming soon.



Finding Peace in a Frantic World

February 26th to May 6th

A 10-Week Mindfulness Class. New and experienced meditators are welcome. This 10-week class is an adaptation of the University of Illinois Psychology Department's Mindfulness Training (MT) curriculum. Leaders include Dr. Christopher Menard, Laura Haber, and Dave Sharpe. If you have questions or to register, email Christopher Menard at Cmenard@illinois.edu

Middle High Neighboring Faith Class

On Saturday, February 1st, the Middle School religious education class visited the Central Illinois Hindu Temple to be a part of their multi-generational celebration honoring Saraswati and the beginning of spring. Six youth and eight adults were a part of the festivities. Thanks to religious education leader Dan Urban for coordinating the event. A special thank you to the hospitality of Temple leaders who provided education and grand hospitality.

Radical Peacemaking

Mark your calendars for April 24-25, 2020

Virginia Brubaker and Gail Schiesser are returning with a new training program which helps participants understand the finer elements of radical peacemaking. For those who participated in the Resolving Conflict, Finding Resolution class last year will recognize some elements while discovering a new skills and understanding. This class is open to anyone interested. No experience is necessary. There are 3 sessions. You can take the first (Friday night), The first two (Friday night and Saturday morning) or the Whole Shebang (Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon). There is a reward for all of those who take participate in all three events. For more information and registration, go to <https://uucuc.org/learning/adults/>. Email Michele Grove at re-director@uucuc.org with any questions.



We are at a crossroads, a moment to dream big and make a leap to a new way of sharing ministry, where we can shine even brighter for each other, for this community, and beyond. – Reverend Florence Caplow, Minister

UUCUC's annual Generosity campaign starts TODAY and runs through March 1st! If you requested a paper packet, you may pick it up at the Generosity Table in Fellowship Hall TODAY. Paper packets remaining after Sunday, will be mailed next week. All other pledge packets will be e-mailed the morning of February 9th. If you are expecting an email packet and don't receive one, be sure to check your spam/junk folders or contact Brian Franklin at admin@uucuc.org.

Over the next four weeks, we will join together for our 2020-2021 Generosity Campaign as we pledge in support of our mission to: Build Community. Seek Inspiration. Promote Justice. Find Peace. This year we have the opportunity to expand our programs, ministries, and justice work.

Let's keep on dreaming big, and "Let's Leap... TOGETHER!"

Questions about Pledging? Contact Steve Troyer at pledging@uucuc.org. Other questions? Contact Mona Shannon at generosity@uucuc.org.