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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"The Road Goes Ever On and On" Sunday, March 31st, 2019

> Jennifer Greene, Chris Hannauer, Kiri Fagen-Ulmschneider

Matthew Gladden, Piano; CrUUners; Children's Choir; Adult Choir

The Mission of UUCUC

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

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

ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday, March 31, 2019

Gathering Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude "Rainbow Connection" Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher

Welcome & Announcements Brian McDermott

Greeting Our Neighbors & Centering Chime

Opening Words Jennifer Greene

Unison Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice in honor of first steps,

For beginning even when the path ahead is unclear

For the courage it takes to trust

that the way will reveal itself

that light will come to clarify our vision

that friends will be by our side.

*Hymn #354 "We Laugh, We Cry"

Recognition of New Members Sherry Bohlen

Puppet Show "Traveling Tales" Anne Newman

Reading "A Walking Song of Frodo's" J.R.R. Tolkien

Offertory "Corner of the Sky" Stephen Schwartz

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.

Reflection "My Unexpected Journey" Kiri Fagen-Ulmschneider

Choir Anthem "The Road Home" Stephen Paulus

Reflection "You Will Learn About Life..." Chris Hannauer

*Hymn #108 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude Theme from *Lord of the Rings* Howard Shore

*Please rise in body or in 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.

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: "Two Roads Diverge" in honor of our theme of "Journey". Designed by Amy Fogel in 1988.

Sharing Joys and Sorrows. As a caring congregation, sharing written joys and sorrows on Sundays is a part of how we connect. There are cards available in the pew in front of you and in the foyer.

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://goo.gl/xgv6Kk.

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

"EVERYTHING IS HOLY NOW"
REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW
WITH LAURA ROBINSON

SOUL MATTERS FACILITATOR'S TRAINING HAPPENING SOON!

Wednesday, April 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



New Facilitators Needed!

If you want to learn more, contact Sherry Bohlen at <u>membershipcoordinator@uucuc.org</u>

- If you've ever thought that you'd be a good fit as a Soul Matters Facilitator, then this call is for you! You need not be an experienced group facilitator or experienced with Soul Matters. You only need to be willing to learn and invest your time and energy into serving.
- A perfect way to dip your toe into the facilitation experience is to join us
 for our upcoming training. If it feels like a good fit for you, then you'll be
 encouraged to sign-up to become a facilitator for our Fall series. If it
 doesn't feel like a good fit for you, then you'll have spent a pleasant
 evening with friends learning more about an important program of our
 church community.
- On Wednesday, April 3, we'll be offering a training from 5:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. at the church. The training will include a light supper followed by an in-depth, two-hour online training for small group facilitators and ending with a half-hour Q&A and wrap-up.

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team D Volunteers! Bellringer: Jon and Maeve Ellis; **Ushers:** Anne Sharpe, Karen and Mike Retzer; **Welcomers:** Jennifer Ellis, Anne and Dave Sharpe; **Decorations:** Jody Hanger; **Snacks:** Jennifer Ellis, Jody Hanger, Elizabeth Simpson, Lisa and Rick Morgan.

Our Shared Offering for March is The Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC)). UNCC is an academically focused after school program for students in grades K-12. The mission of the Center is to give children the resources needed to learn, grow, and achieve their fullest potential.

Time to schedule your photo session for the NEW church directory. We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to photograph you from April 15th to the 20th. Schedule in person in Fellowship Hall after church or go online after 2:00 p.m. here: http://bit.ly/uucuc_directory. Scheduling ends after church April 7.

The Welcoming Congregation team asks you to remember that March 31 is the **International Transgender Day of Visibility** - a worldwide annual event dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.

White Fragility Discussion Group on April 4. Join us in a two-part discussion of Dr. Robin DiAngelo's New York Times best-selling book, White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism. Next meeting April 4th at 7 pm at the church. Contact mona4shannon@gmail.com to borrow a book or RSVP.

The 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel on April 5-7. Presentations and workshops will explore identities we encounter and embody, the challenges of social inequality, and tools and skills we need in order to work more effectively with one another, as well as the general "nuts and bolts" of congregational life, such as leadership, stewardship, membership, and religious education.

Partner Church Brunch! The Partner Church Committee invites you to stay after service on April 7 and enjoy an Indian brunch! The breakfast will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 7 from 11:45 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

Save the Date for the UUCUC Service Auction: April 13th! The theme will be Across the UUniverse. We will be selling tickets after the Service on Sunday mornings. You can learn about this event (along with answers to some FAQs) on our website: https://uucuc.org/auction

Bernadine Stake's Celebration of Life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Florence Caplow will be the Pastor, and Matthew Gladden will be the Pianist. A reception will follow at the Channing Murray Foundation, at 1209 W. Oregon in Urbana, at 3:00 p.m.

Religious Education News

Children and Youth Religious Education Opportunities:

Today is an All-Age Worship Service. In addition, the following religious education programs will take place:

- Nursery care is available from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- PreK class will be held from 10:15-11:30 AM
- Coming of Age Class will be held from 10:15-11:30 AM

If you have any questions, check in at the RE welcome table in the basement foyer or talk to Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education.

ALSO HAPPENING TODAY!

Models of Religious Education Workshop

Are you curious about new ways to engage in learning at UUCUC? Michele will present a creative program which looks at different models of Unitarian Universalist Religious Education for all ages. There is still space left if you would like to stay for this program. We will gather at 11:45 in the Children's Chapel to share in lunch. The program will end at 2:00 PM.

Upcoming Education Opportunities

Resolving Conflict, Finding Agreement - Part I

Gail Schiesser and Virginia Brubaker's January class was so successful that they will offer it again on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Lunch and child care provided. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. Registration and more program detail can be found at: https://uucuc.breezechms.com/form/8bb551

Resolving Conflict, Finding Agreement, Part <u>II</u> is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for anyone who has completed Part I. Mark your calendar. Registration will open shortly.

UUCUC Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 31

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Library

RE Nursery / 10:15 a.m. / Classroom #3

Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom

Children's Choir Practice / 9:15 a.m. / Classroom #1

Choir Practice / 9:15 a.m. / Sanctuary

RE Pre-K / 10:15 a.m. / Classroom #4

RE Coming of Age Class / 10:15 a.m. / Library

YRUU Membership Day Class / 10:15 / YRUU Room

Worship Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary

Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall

Creative Models of UU Religious Education / 11:45 a.m. / Children's Chapel

Soul Matters Group #6 / 1:00 p.m. / Library

Budget Task Force Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 1

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel

Tuesday, April 2

(DSC Playgroup) / 8:30 a.m. / Classroom #4

Wednesday, April 3

Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest.

 $(Smart\ Recovery)\ /\ 6:00\ p.m.\ /\ Classroom\ \#1$

CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Thursday, April 4

Safety Committee Meeting / 12:00 p.m. / Library

(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

White Fragility Discussion / 7:00 p.m. / YRUU Classroom

Worship Committee / 7:00 p.m. / Library

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

(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>.