



"Do not believe anything merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. But after observation and analysis, when you find that anything agrees with reason and it is conducive to the good and the benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it." Gautama Buddha

## ORDER OF SERVICE

August 29, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### GATHERING

**Centering Music**

Eric Lane Barnes

**Announcements**

Nicole Duff

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Grace Colton

\* **Hymn #40**

*Morning Hangs A Signal*

The morning hangs a signal upon the mountain crest,  
while all the sleeping valleys in silent darkness rest.  
From peak to peak it flashes, it laughs along the sky,  
till glory of the sunlight on all the land shall lie.

Above the generations the lonely prophets rise,  
while truth flares as the daystar within their glowing eyes;  
and other eyes, beholding, are kindled from that flame;  
and dawn becomes the morning, when prophets love proclaim.

The soul has lifted moments, above the drift of days,  
when life's great meaning breaketh in sunrise on our ways.  
Behold the radiant token of faith above all fear;  
night shall release its splendor that morning shall appear.

### CENTERING

**Reading**

by Victoria Mitchell

Rev. William C. Graves

*Please join in this chalice lighting with a chalice or candle lighting at home.*

**Chalice Lighting & Response**

We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly  
because they are our siblings in spirit;  
To take good care of the earth because it is our home;  
And to try to live lives filled with goodness and love  
because that is how we will become the best people we can be.

### AFFIRMING COMMUNITY

**Story for All Ages**

*Who is Roy G. Biv?*

Rev. Graves

**East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant**

Love is the doctrine of this church.  
The quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve humanity in fellowship, thus do we covenant.

**Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows**

Rev. Stephen Furrer

*Please send any joys and sorrows via chat or say aloud*

\* *Please mute your microphone and sing along*

## INTROSPECTION

**Meditation**

**Musical Celebration**

*Alfie*

Tony Bennett

## EXPLORATION

**Reading**

*Kalama Sutra*

Gautama Buddha

### \* **Hymn #108**

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,

when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!

To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;

when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

**Sermon**

*Faith in What? The Journey of an East Shore Kid*

Rev. Graves

## RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

**Gifts of the Congregation**

*Text ESUC \$20 (or any dollar amount) to 73256 to give to ESUC using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also use [esuc.org/give](http://esuc.org/give) or mail in a check to ESUC any time!*

### \* **Sung Affirmation**

East Shore Mighty (Virtual) Choir

From all that dwell below the skies

Let songs of hope and faith arise

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Let peace, good will on earth be sung

from every land, by every tongue

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Closing Words**

*from I Dreamed Of Rain*

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude**

*I Dreamed of Rain*

Jan Garrett & JD Martin

*Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!*



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## RE-OPENING UPDATE

At its August 24th monthly meeting, the Staff Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees discussed the continued surge of the Delta Variant, the results from both Reopening Surveys, conversations with members, information from a medical professional in our congregation, and the site CovidActNow.org. We discussed various activities and have made the following decisions: **Based on this information, the Board and SLT recommend we not open in September for In-person worship.** We also note, medical experts do not expect the surge to reverse before October. Expressed another way, it's unknown how long this surge will last, but it almost certainly is going to get worse over the next month. **Because of this, there will be no large in-person indoor events until further notice.** This does NOT mean we are closing! We have so many great events happening, and more to come. You can read more details at [esuc.org/update-on-re-opening-august-25-2021/](https://esuc.org/update-on-re-opening-august-25-2021/)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in Woodinville: Today, 12:30 p.m. (In Person):** Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person on the corner of 175th and Garden in front of the Woodinville Jamba Juice. Flash Stances start conversations, and then carry those conversations on. We will be social distancing and ask that everyone wear a mask. All are welcome-join us in this important work!

**Beloved Conversations Among: October-May (Virtual)** - In this second phase of our program, we take our learnings from Within and focus them on institutional change in our congregations. In Among, participants will work with a dedicated coach and a core group of up to 20 Within alums from their congregation for 8 months. You can register for Among by contacting Nicole Duff. Please note, this group is a Board Task Force in which case all participants will need to be an ESUC member and be approved by the Board.

**Women's Ways of Knowing: Tuesdays, October 5-November 2, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)** - The Women's Perspective Group invites all who identify as women to this book discussion group with Jody Bower. How do we know what we know? What unique factors influence women's relationship to knowledge? How can women move from being silenced or relying on the opinions of others to a dynamic ability to reason critically while retaining a strong sense of one's own intuitive knowing? In this 5-week class, we will read and discuss the ground-breaking work Women's Ways of Knowing: The Development of Self, Voice, and Mind by Mary Field Belenky, Blythe McVicker Clinchy, Nancy Rule Goldberg, and Jill Mattuck Tarule. Register at [esuc.org](https://esuc.org). Suggested donation to ESUC: \$20

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Daily Check-In: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.:** Members are hosting a check-in every weekday (M-F) 9:00-9:30 a.m. All are welcome! Connect with the ESUC community; share joys, concerns, and more. Zoom Meeting 569 071 839, passcode: chalice.

**Men's Breakfast Group: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.:** Relax to reconnect and enjoy each others' company. Our goal is good conversation, sharing and camaraderie. To connect, email lay leader Tom Ball or call 206-232-8720.

**Family Covenant Circle: Every Other Sunday at 12:30 p.m.:** The ESUC Family Covenant Circle is a group of East Shore families with children 0-18 where the adults share and support one another in the journey that is family life! Families of every stage and configuration are welcome. To connect, email lay leader Martin Cox.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR DUWAMISH NEIGHBORS:** We acknowledge this land is the traditional territory of the Duwamish People. In this acknowledgement, we recognize their heritage is imbued in the mountains, valleys, waterways, and shorelines that surround us all. May we nurture our relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors, especially the Duwamish people and our shared responsibilities to this place of their homelands.



East Shore Unitarian Church is proud to publicly support the Black Lives Matter movement. This stance is in alignment with the values of our faith and is also endorsed by the UUA. More information can be found at [www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement](https://www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement).

