



"If there is magic in this world it is contained in water." - Loren Eiseley

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

September 12, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### GATHERING

**Centering Music**

Eric Lane Barnes

**Prelude**

*Finding Wonder*  
by Sheila Tallmon

**Announcements**

Nicole Duff

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

\* **Hymn #1064**

*Blue Boat Home*

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.  
Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.  
I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

### CENTERING

**Reading**

by Homer

*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**

*All the Water in the World*  
George Ella Lyon and Katherine Tillotson

**East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant**

LeAnne Struble

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.

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\* *Please mute your microphone and sing along*

## Pastoral Prayer, Joys & Sorrows/Memories of Water

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

### INTROSPECTION

#### Water Communion Meditation

*Magnificence*

by Peter Makena

### EXPLORATION

#### Reading

by Herman Melville

#### \* Hymn

*Bridge Over Troubled Water*

by Paul Simon

When you're weary, feeling small,  
When tears are in your eyes  
I will dry them all  
I'm on your side  
When times get rough  
And friends just can't be found  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down

When you're down and out  
When you're on the street  
When evening falls so hard  
I will comfort you  
I'll take your part  
When darkness comes  
And pain is all around  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
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#### Homily

*Water Communion*

Rev. Furrer

### RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

#### Gifts of the Congregation

Jenny Newell

*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!*

#### Announcement from Ministerial Search Committee

Ann Fletcher

#### Happy Birthday Video

#### \* Sung Benediction

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 & Extinguishing the Chalice

## Postlude

*The Water Song*  
by Alex Turtle, Diné

“The Water Song” was composed by Alex Turtle, Diné (Navajo) and Southern Cheyenne, and Chenoa Egawa, Lummi and S’Klallam. It is sung in the Diné language and carries one of our Native teachings about the blessing of the spirit of water through the male and female rains. Through this song, we remember and honor the spirit and sacredness of water. We lend our voices to stand up for the protection and preservation of clean, pure water in all its forms and states of being. By way of the images shared in the video, we hope to illustrate the power and miracle of water, from the thunderclouds and highest snowy mountain peaks, to the waterfalls, rivers, springs and oceans. May the song be received as medicine for our Mother Earth. May it call our attention, once again, to the brilliant journey and wisdom of water as it travels our world, renewing, revitalizing, and supporting all life so generously along the way. May we all come together to reciprocate that generosity by taking care of our sacred waters each and every day. May our awareness, stewardship and actions ensure clean water for today, and for generations to come. We acknowledge, with immense gratitude, the teachings shared with us by our elders and our ancestors. Knowledge of the sacredness of water, and many other vitally important teachings about life have been preserved and held in the highest regard to this day in certain places around the world. Most often this wisdom has been kept alive among indigenous peoples, who are continuously striving to maintain the languages, cultures, and ways of life that honor living in balance with ourselves, one another and the natural world. We give thanks to Whiteshell Haskie of the Diné Nation, for participating in this video and representing the hopes we have for our younger generations. May all the children of our beautiful planet be able to grow up with teachings that strengthen their ability to understand the sacredness of water and the interconnectedness of all life. And may they always remember to live with hope, awareness, gratitude, respect, and great care for all life in each and every moment, fully awake.

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

### RE-OPENING UPDATE

The Staff Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees *recommend we not open in September for In-person worship*. We also note, medical experts do not expect the surge to reverse before October. ***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/)

### MINISTERIAL SEARCH NEWS

**Congregational Survey: Deadline September 21:** Everyone is strongly encouraged to take the Congregational Survey. This survey is an opportunity for members to share information about themselves, their relationship with East Shore, and their hopes and concerns for our future as a community. Find the service here: <https://forms.gle/xoG5cLa7jXttvm3h8> Please complete by September 21. Please contact the office if you would like a physical copy of the survey mailed to you.

**Julie Heise joins Ministerial Search Committee:** Caroline Haessly recently resigned from the Ministerial Search Committee. Per East Shore Bylaws, the Board may appoint a replacement. The Search Nominating Committee was asked to recommend an East Shore member from among those already nominated by the congregation in April and May. At its September 8 meeting, the Board approved the appointment of Julie Heise to the Search Committee. She joins Ann Fletcher, David Langrock, Leta Hamilton, Connie Hirnle, Dave Baumgart and Martin Cox in this important work.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Religious Education for Children & Youth (In Person): Today, 12:00 p.m.:** Classes will be held outside and masks required for everyone. Volunteers are required to be vaccinated. While children are in RE, parents are welcome to sit in the class or visit with other parents on the North Room patio. If your child is not feeling well, or if you have been notified by your child's school of an outbreak, please do not bring your child to RE that Sunday. We will be meeting September 12 and 26. Children MUST register before attending their first RE.

**Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in Issaquah (In Person): 12:30 p.m.:** Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Issaquah at the corner of SE 56th Street and Eastlake Sammamish Parkway SE by the McDonalds. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color. All are welcome.

**The Inexplicable Universe: Unsolved Mysteries: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.:** Join Alan Carter for his latest rendition of Great Courses: "The Inexplicable Universe: Unsolved Mysteries" by Neil deGrasse Tyson. "Of all the amazing things about the Universe, I think two stand above all the rest. One of them is that we know so much about the universe, but another is that there's even more that we don't know." The class will be Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting September 7 and run through September 21. To join use the link <https://rebrand.ly/zhzte8a>

**Continuing Quarantine!: Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual):** Just when we thought Life might be returning to normal – it isn't. How are you doing? Share your frustrations, fears, hopes, and joys on Saturday, September 18 from 10 to 11:30 at the Third Saturday Morning Community Circle. You may be changed by what you hear. Join the Zoom Meeting: 816 8030 9830, Passcode: 626689

**Cottage Meetings: Various Dates in September:** As part of our Ministerial Search, all members are invited to attend one of several online Cottage Meetings which will take place during the last two weeks of September. We will use breakout rooms in the meetings to ensure small enough groups so that everyone will get a chance to participate. Sign up at [esuc.org/about-us/ministerial-search/](https://esuc.org/about-us/ministerial-search/)

**Beyond Categorical Thinking: October 1 & 2:** As part of our Ministerial Search, we invite all members to our online Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop. This educational opportunity helps a congregation be mindful of and take steps to counter systemic and personal biases during the minister transition. Save the date for the two-part workshop Friday, October 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Winners Take All: How "Doing Good" Helps Maintain the Status Quo: Tuesdays, October 5-19, 6:30 p.m. (Virtual):** Join us for a conversation about Anand Giridharadas' book *Winners Take All*. Most people recognize that the global reach of corporations, technology, and free markets have not brought their promised benefits to the vast majority of Americans and others in advanced countries around the world. Yet we continue to ask for solutions from these entities and systems. Giridharadas questions the assumptions and the approaches of the elite in charge, exposes how efforts toward change maintain the status quo, and offers a thought-provoking perspective for people who want to move the world in the direction of change. Led by Carrie Bowman. Register at [esuc.org](https://esuc.org).

## 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).

