



“If you were put on trial for being a Unitarian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”

- A. Powell Davies

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Announcements

Jenny Newell

Land Acknowledgement

Marilyn Mayers

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

* **Hymn #1028**

Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

CENTERING

Reading

Stand By This Faith

Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson

Olympia Brown

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

What Can A Citizen Do?

LeAnne Struble

Dave Eggers

Musical Interlude

Be The Change

Michael Abels

* *Please mute your microphone and sing along*

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Wenda Collins

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

Please send any joys and sorrows via chat or say aloud

INTROSPECTION

Meditation

Musical Celebration

I Dream of A World

Mark Miller

EXPLORATION

Reading

There is No Easier Way

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Homily

The 9th Principle?

Rev. Johnson

* Hymn #318

We Would Be One

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.

We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.

As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

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 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 & Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

That's Cooperation

Big Bird

Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!



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ESUC NEWS

Virtual Giving Tree: We are happy that we can offer this year's opportunity for generous Holiday Giving for our 8 agencies. Go to esuc.org/virtual-holiday-giving-tree-2021 to see how to give!

Returning to In-Person Worship Planned for January 23: Your Board of Trustees approved a motion to open the sanctuary for multi-platform (both on Zoom and in person) worship services on January 23 as long as there is not another spike. The details of how that works, all of them, are in the hands of the staff. Of course they listen to congregants' ideas, but the decision is theirs. So, please go along with their requests, and please be patient as we work out any bugs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: Today, 12:30 p.m. in Kirkland (In Person): Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Kirkland at the NW corner of Peter Kirk Park next to the transit center. All are welcome!

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: The Cat's Table: Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual): Please join us to discuss *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje on Wednesday, December 1 (moved to avoid the holidays), at 7:30 pm on Zoom. In the early 1950s, an 11-year-old boy in Colombo boards a ship bound for England. As the ship makes its way across the Indian Ocean the boys tumble from one adventure to another. To virtually attend, please Zoom 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

Board Listening Circle: Saturday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual): The regular first Saturday Board of Trustees listening Session occurs on Zoom room 991 9413 9797, Passcode: 830647. It's a chance to build community and share what you need and are getting from East Shore. Come hear and reflect on the Congregational Record sent to the UUA by the Ministerial Search Team. All comments and questions are welcome.

Widening the Circle of Concern Part 3: Congregations & Communities: Thursday, December 9 OR Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): In what ways does systemic racism and white supremacy culture apply to our Congregations & Communities? This workshop will cover a section of the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change Report. The report explains the necessity for congregations, and the UUA, to deepen our engagement in the work of anti-racism. First, we have to take it in. There is a video and reading in preparation to discuss our reactions to the Report on December 9 OR 15, 7:00-8:30pm. The discussion will assume you have watched the video and read the pre-reading. Register at esuc.org or with grace.colton@gmail.com. Sponsored by 8th Principle Ministry Team

Religious Education: December 5, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): We are back in person this week. We hope you all had a fabulous Halloween. Our elementary students will continue to explore our sources using Lego. We invite our high school youth to come out and talk with our search committee. We look forward to having their input in our search for a minister.

Religious Education for Children & Youth Upcoming Dates (In Person)

- December 5, 12-1:30pm: FCC & RE Outdoors, Wreath making!
- December 12, 10:30-11:30am: Virtual worship RE Pageant! Stay tuned for signups.
- December 19, 12-1:30pm: RE Outdoors, Toy and Book Swap!
- Register your child and youth for all of our programs online through Realm.

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 12:00 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 that this land is the traditional territory of the Duwamish, Snohomish, Tulalip, Snoqualmie, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Suquamish, and Wenatchi nations, among others. We recognize the impact of settler colonialism on these peoples. We pledge to nurture our relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors as we work to restore and sustain their homelands upon which we all depend.



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.

