



“It turns out life isn’t a puzzle that can be solved one time and it’s done. You wake up every day, and you solve it again.”

– Chidi Anagonye, *The Good Place*

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 6, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Announcements

Nicole Duff

Land Acknowledgement

Lindsay Fogelquist

Ringling of the Bell

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

Welcome

* **Hymn #148**

Let Freedom Span Both East and West

Let freedom span both east and west, and love both south and north,
in universal fellowship throughout the whole wide earth.

In beauty, wonder, everywhere, let us communion find;
compassion be the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Beyond all barriers of race, of color, caste, or creed,
let us make friendship, human worth, our common faith and deed.

Then east and west will meet and share, and south shall build with north,
one human commonwealth of good throughout the whole wide earth.

CENTERING

Reading

by Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Rev. Furrer

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

Different Points of View
from *Hide And Seek With God* by Mary Moore

LeAnne Struble

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Eric Lane Barnes

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. Furrer & LeAnne Struble

Please send any joys and sorrows via chat or say aloud

INTROSPECTION

Meditation

Rev. Furrer

Musical Celebration

One of Us
Joan Osborne

Eric Lane Barnes

EXPLORATION

Antiphonal Reading #646

The Larger Circle
Wendell Berry

Rev. Furrer & Jenny Newell

We clasp the hands of those that go before us,

And the hands that come after us.

We enter the little circle of each other's arms

And the larger circle of lovers, whose hands are all joined in a dance,

And the larger circle of all creatures,

Passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance,

To a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it

Except in fragments.

* Hymn #1021

Lean On Me

Sometimes in our lives

we all have pain,

we all have sorrow.

But if we are wise

we know that there's

always tomorrow.

Chorus:

Lean on me when you're not strong

and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,

For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need

somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride

if I have things

you need to borrow,

For no one can fill

those of your needs

that you won't let show.

Bridge:

Just call on me brother when you need a hand.

We all need somebody to lean on.

I just might have a problem that you'd understand.

We all need somebody to lean on.

Chorus

Bridge

If there is a load

you have to bear

that you can't carry,

I'm right up the road,

I'll share your load

if you just call me.

Call me... call me...

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!

Birthday Celebration

East Shore Mighty (Virtual) Choir

*** Sung Benediction #1010***We Give Thanks*

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

Closing Words

by James Baldwin

Extinguishing the Chalice**Postlude**

Wake Me Up
Aloe Blacc

Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!

ESUC NEWS

Unfortunately, the Board and Staff Leadership Team have had to make the tough decision to delay our grand re-opening of in-person worship. We do have a new chart that will help the staff make decisions on how and when to open various aspects of the church. This information is based on science and data, which as UUs we trust. The new chart uses the data from CovidActNow.org for King County. You can see the detailed chart at esuc.org. Currently, with Omicron skyrocketing, we are in the Severe category which means most events and activities at East Shore will move to online only. We hope as the peak crests, we can begin returning to being together again.

We will begin the process of checking for vaccines. All those on campus on Sunday (over the age of 5) will need to be fully vaccinated. There will be opportunities to show your card virtually, though we do ask that you do NOT email us this medical data. Once checked, a sticker will be added to your badge so you will only need to show proof once. Please note, if you do not believe your badge is at East Shore, you need to find it NOW! If you do not have your badge, please contact Nicole as soon as possible so she can make a new one for you.

Save the Date: East Shore Congregational Forum: Sunday, February 13, right after worship (Virtual): Please join us to share perspectives on church finance. We have some big decisions to make and want to include your voices. We won't be voting on anything; no quorum, no motions. Your thoughts. What's an endowment for? What is the best use of staff and other resources to best further our works at East Shore. Members will receive a separate mailing later in the week with more details and an agenda. Please join the community discussion.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

HUUGS: Help make Emerging Adult Care Packages: Today, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): We're creating care packages to send to the young, emerging adults who are a part of East Shore and its' extended family! We will be packing 16 boxes. Great items to contribute include: cards, snacks, stickers, books, and other fun goodies.

RE Outdoors: Today, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Join on the 1st and 3rd Sundays thru June for outdoor programs. We have offerings for ages 5-8, 8-10, and 11-13 led by volunteer parents and teachers. Our core curricula center on Unitarian Universalist principles and the sources of wisdom from which those derive: world religions, our own direct experience, and the natural world of which we are a part. Proof of vaccination and registration required.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Bellevue (In Person): Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Factoria on the corner by Dacell's Jewelers. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color. Flash Stances start conversations, and then carry those conversations on.

Grounds Work Party: Saturday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (In Person): All are invited to help out. Drop in as you can and stay as long as you can. Enjoy the outdoors and our wonderful grounds, as well as being with other members, with safe spacing and other guidelines set up by the church. All ages are welcome.

RE Online: Sunday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual): Join on the 2nd and 4th Sundays thru June for online religious exploration. Log onto Zoom using the worship service link: Meeting ID: 989 3107 9078 Passcode: chalice. We'll be learning about some of the foundational stories that help govern the wisdom of our Unitarian Universalist identity and have time for connection and sharing. All ages welcome, break out rooms for 0-11, and 11-19 as we gather enough participants of each age group. Registration required.

RE Community Service with Camp Kindness Counts: Sunday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. (In Person): Join us as we practice LOVE this month with your friends and families by making dog and cat blankets for animals in shelters waiting to be adopted! Our goal is to make 50 blankets and your help is needed to reach this goal. All blankets will be made with material donations provided. Please register at esuc.org

Let's Talk Money! Saturday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual): We're starting important conversations about money at East Shore. We surprise ourselves at how strongly we feel about its uses, and our needs and wants. Where did those opinions and feelings come from? How do they shape us now? Come! Share! Listen! You may be changed by what you hear. Join us every 3rd Saturday morning. Join Zoom Meeting: 816 8030 9830, Passcode: 626689

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual): Join us as we discuss Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR by Lisa Napoli. In the years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, women in the workplace still found themselves relegated to secretarial positions or locked out of jobs entirely. But when a pioneering nonprofit called National Public Radio came along in the 1970s, and the door to serious journalism opened a crack, four remarkable women came along and blew it off the hinges. Join via Zoom Meeting ID: 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

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: monthly on 3rd Saturday, 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 indigenous peoples: 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.