



"The ideal story is that of two people who go into love step for step, with a fluttered consciousness, like a pair of children venturing together in a dark room."

--Robert Louis Stevenson

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Announcements

Signe Lalish-Menagh

Land Acknowledgement

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

* **Hymn #325**

Love Makes a Bridge

Love makes a bridge from heart to heart, and hand to hand.

Love finds a way when laws are blind, and freedom banned.

Love breaks the walls of language, gender, class, and age.

Love gives us wings to slip the bars of every cage.

Love lifts the hopes that force and fear have beaten down.

Love breaks the chains and gives us strength to stand our ground.

Love rings the bells of wanted birth and wedding day.

Love guides the hands that promise more than words can say.

Love makes a bridge that winds may shake, yet not destroy.

Love carries faith through life and death, to endless joy.

CENTERING

Opening Words

love is the every only god

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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

Words And Your Heart

Kate Jane Neal

LeAnne Struble

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Brenda David

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

* *Please mute your microphone and sing along*

INTROSPECTION

Meditation

Musical Celebration

I Love You/Wonderful World

Brenda David

EXPLORATION

Reading #625

An Eye For Miracles

Diego Valeri

* **Hymn #131**

Love Will Guide Us

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

Sermon

The Kissing Bandit

Rev. Furrer

RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

Gifts of the Congregation

Luke Love

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 Benediction**

Love Me Tender

Brenda David

Love me tender, love me sweet
Never let me go
You have made my life complete
And I love you so

Love me tender, love me true
All my dreams fulfill
For my darling, I love you
And I always will

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

Love Song
Lesley Duncan

Brenda David

Please stay in this Zoom Room for our Congregational Forum!

Love is blind.

GEOFFREY CHAUCER

When you fall in love with someone, you're finished. It's always like that.

FRANCOIS SAGAN

Only the strong of heart can be well married, since they do not turn to marriage to supply what no other human being can ever get from another—a sure sense of the fortress within himself.

MAX LERNER

Don't threaten me with love, baby. Let's just go walking in the rain.

BILLIE HOLIDAY

Everyone, naturally, wants love, but the real thing, when it arrives, is cruel, disconcerting, and frightening. One's partner refuses merely to be an object, a thing, an impersonal presence, and demands one's precious time, careful reflection, and emotional entanglement.

MICHAEL NOVAL

It seems that marriage is not one of my talents. I've been much happier unmarried than married. I'm probably unmarriageable now. I just can't imagine a marriage that would make sense to me. Once you've passed thirty, I think, it becomes harder and harder for a woman to do. It's easy when you're a teenager; perhaps that's the built-in mechanism for continuation of the species.

DORIS LESSING

Love has as few problems as a motor car. The only problems are the driver, the passengers, and the road.

FRANZ KAFKA

The word love has by no means the same sense for both sexes, and this is one cause of the serious misunderstandings that divide them.

SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

Those whom we can love, we can hate; to others we are indifferent.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

ESUC NEWS

In January, we announced a new plan for a phased re-opening plan for the Sanctuary. We are excited we are moving in the right track and hope to be in the "Very High" category next Sunday allowing for a few participants in the Sanctuary. Keep up to date on where we are and see the plan at esuc.org.

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. If you do not have your badge, please contact Nicole as soon as possible so she can make a new one for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

East Shore Finance Forum: Today, 11:30 a.m. (Virtual): Your Board is aware that our expenditures have exceeded our income for several years. Our consultant reminded us that we have an endowment that most churches would envy. She made no specific recommendations regarding our staff and repeatedly said it is up to us. No decisions have been made. The Board is listening. We won't be voting on anything but we need and want your thoughts.

Grades 8,9,10 (Ages 13-15) Our Whole Lives: Today, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): This is a covenanted course in which consistent participation is expected. This in person class covers comprehensive human sexuality, including relationship skills, contraception, and navigating changes and sensation in a human body! A fun and engaging program for adolescence. Registration is now closed.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: Today, 12:30 p.m. in Issaquah (In Person): 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.

Learn to be a Worship Zoom Tech!: Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. (Virtual): Ever been curious about what goes on behind the scenes the make virtual worship services happen? With our upcoming plans to make our services multiplatform and accessible, we're looking for some volunteers to learn the ins and outs of running Zoom for worship services. Join Jenny on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom to learn more. Join via Zoom 828 9915 7872, Passcode: zoom

Women's Perspective Hike: Wednesday, February 16, 1:30 p.m. (In Person): All those who identify as women are encouraged to join us to hike the Trillium Trail in Redmond Watershed Preserve. This is a 1.8 mile (3.6 mi round trip) easy hike through beautiful deep forest. Please email or call Carla Hellekson to sign up. Note: No pets allowed.

Let's Talk Money! Saturday, February 19, 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

RE Outdoors: Sunday, February 20, 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.

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: First Sundays 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.

