



"The rainiest nights, like the rainiest days, are by no means the saddest."
-- Elizabeth Stewart Phelps Ward, *The Silent Partner* (1871)

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 23, 2022
10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Announcements

Mike Radow

Land Acknowledgement

Marilyn Mayers

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

* **Hymn #298**

Wake Now My Senses

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

CENTERING

Reading

The Road Less Traveled

Mike Radow

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

A Lamp In Every Corner
Janeen K Grohsmeyer

LeAnne Struble

* *Please mute your microphone and sing along*

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.

Meditation

amanda alice uluhan

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

Please send any joys and sorrows via chat or say aloud

EXPLORATION

Member Testimonials Part 1

Marcia Sill, Tom Ball, Peggy Phillips, & Paul Buehrens

Musical Celebration

Rise Up
Andra Day

Ron Douglas

Member Testimonials Part 2

Milly Mullarky, Eric Lane Barnes, Evelyn Smith & Ron Douglas

* Hymn #311

Let It Be a Dance

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard.

Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds.

Let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead,
feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.

Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Everybody turn and spin,
let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind,
let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.

Take it as it passes by.

Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bear the pain,
and round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance.

Homily

Going Forward With Purpose

Rev. Furrer

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

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

East Shore Mighty (Virtual) Choir

Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!

UPDATE ON OPENING

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.

Using the thermometer at the top of the page, we have categorized a phased reopening with Severe, Very High Risk, High Risk, Medium Risk and Low Risk. The staff will look at the numbers on Mondays to make decisions on where on the chart we are. In the case of the numbers being borderline, they will err on the side of being more cautious. The Board has voted and approved the staff to use this chart and data to make ongoing decisions about the safety of events at East Shore.

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. On-site checking will begin this Sunday for RE, the Ace Sound Crew, and congregants who have reserved a spot in the sanctuary. There will also 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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Adult Ministry: Today, 12:00 p.m. (Virtual): We are launching a Young Adult Ministry. If you're 18-35 years old! Our first gathering is today following the worship service, and we plan to continue meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. To join, meet us on Zoom for now at noon: Meeting ID: 850 3458 8711.

Grades 8, 9, 10 (Ages 13-15) Our Whole Lives: Today, 12:00 pm (E-201): This is a covenanted course in which consistent participation is expected. Ends June 19th and is a 1.5 hour, in person class covering comprehensive human sexuality, including relationship skills, contraception, and navigating changes and sensation in a human body! A fun and engaging program for adolescence. Registration required at esuc.org.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in Kirkland: Today, 12:00 p.m. (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. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color. All are welcome.

Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Our is holding its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday evening, January 25th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Agenda is as follows. Zoom 881 4400 3027, Passcode: Board

Meaningful Movies Bellevue Presents "Healing From Hate": Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Please join Meaningful Movies Bellevue for the 2020 documentary: Healing From Hate - How young men get into -and out-of-violent extremism. The film examines the root causes of hate group activity through the bold work of those battling intolerance on the front lines. Afterwards, join in our discussion. Join via Zoom 879 2971 8047, Passcode: 761056

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Join us as we discuss Cold Millions by Jess Walter. An intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America that eerily echoes our own time, The Cold Millions offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of a nation grappling with the chasm between rich and poor, between harsh realities and simple dreams. Join Zoom 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

HUUGS: Help make Emerging Adult Care Packages (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! Bring items to contribute on Sundays January 23, 30, or February 6. We will be packing 16 boxes. Great items to contribute include: cards, snacks, stickers, water bottles, books, and other fun goodies. What can help them feel loved and connected? Do you have a young adult in your life, either already in the East Shore family, or perhaps in our extended family, that could use a little HUUG? Send us their name and address and we'll do just that. education@esuc.org.

RE Community Service with Camp Kindness Counts: Sunday, January 30, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Join us as we practice KINDNESS this month with your friends and families by making craft kits for the junior orthopedic guild. Families will be assembling craft kits in Ziploc bags and may be cutting material needed to place in the Ziploc bags as well. If time permits families will be invited to make cards for children the Junior Orthopedic Guild serves. Drop in or Sign up through Camp Kindness Counts or RSVP to amanda.alice to volunteer.

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.