EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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"Memories of Mother" May 8, 2022



We practice love, explore spirituality, build community, and promote justice.

Welcome to East Shore Unitarian Church

We extend a special welcome to all who are here for the first time. We are glad you are here and hope your morning will provide you with a greater sense of connection with yourself, with the people around you, and with the world and spirit outside these walls. After today's service, please join us outside for coffee, tea, and conversation.

If you didn't stop by before service, please stop by the visitors desk in the foyer. There you can learn more about the church, and fill out a visitor form. During the week, we will contact you to see if you have any more questions, and help you navigate through all of our amazing programs and groups.

Large-print hymnals and a braille hymnal are available in the foyer from the ushers. Our hearing assistance devices use T-Coil loop technology. Hearing assistance devices are also available in the back of the Sanctuary or from the ushers.

Gender Affirming Restrooms are located in each building. A private restroom is located in the Administration Building. Diaper changing stations are located in all restrooms.

Families, Children & Youth

Families are an important part of faith communities and we are so glad you are here! We want you all to attend worship together, either online or in person. There is no onsite childcare during worship at this time. There is a rug in the back of the Sanctuary with book and toys for babies and kids and E-101 is open for free play. Children and youth classes are held at 12pm. Please find more information in the weekly Friday newsletter for children and youth. http://bit.ly/ESUCemails

Keeping In Touch

Do you want to keep in touch during the week? Follow us on Facebook (EastShoreUC), Twitter (@ESUC1) and Instagram (eastshore_uc). You can also request to join our email list by emailing our Director of Membership Development at membership@esuc.org. Paper copies of Rev. Furrer's sermons and audio copies of the service of the service are available in the Administration Building. You can also listen to the sermons online at esuc.org/worship/pastworship-services. Sermons are also available as Podcasts, search for "East Shore Unitarian Sermons." Sermons are posted on Tuesdays.

Have a suggestion? Leave your comments and suggestions in the box located under the TV screen in the Sanctuary lobby.

Please return this Order of Service to the baskets by the door for recycling.



"My mother wasn't what the world would call a good woman. She never said she was.

And many people, including the police, said she was a bad woman. But she never agreed with them, and she had a way of lifting up her head when she talked back to them that made me know she was right."

Box-Car Bertha, Sister of the Road (1937)

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 8, 2022 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music Gymnopedie #1/Buddha in the Rain Eric Lar

Eric Lane Barnes

Announcements

Jenny Selby

Land Acknowledgement

Arthur Knapp

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

Ingrid Durenberger

* Hymn #1053

How Could Anyone

CENTERING

Chalice Reading

What I Learned From My Mother

Julia Kasdorf

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

The Mother
Brandi Carlile

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Rev. Furrer

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.

^{*} Please rise in body or spirit.

Reading

"Perhaps The World Ends Here"
Joy Harjo

Ann Fletcher

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

Please fill out a card in the back of the Sanctuary (in person) or in chat (virtual)

INTROSPECTION

Readings Now That I Am Forever With Child

Geri Kennedy

Peggy Phillips

by Audre Lorde

35/10

by Sharon Olds

EXPLORATION

Readings Rising to Meet It

Cathy Barich

by Chana Bloch

The Measure of My Days

Amanda Strombom

by Florida Scott-Maxwell

* **Hymn #354** We Laugh We Cry

Homily Motherhood is Always a Choice

Rev. Furrer

RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

Share the Plate: International Convocation of UU Women

Cathy Barich

Geri Kennedy

Text "ESUC \$20" (or any dollar amount) to 73256, standard text message rates do apply.

You can also use esuc.org/give, mail in a check,

or drop donations in the box in the back of the Sanctuary.

- To contribute to International Convocation of UU Women:
 - Text & Online: Select "Share the Plate" from the fund drop down
 - Check: Make check out to "ESUC" and write "Share the Plate" or "ICUUW" in the memo line
 - To contribute to your pledge:
 - Text & Online: Select "PL2122" from the fund drop down
 - Check: Make check out to "East Shore Unitarian Church" and write "Pledge" in the memo line

* Sung Benediction

From All That Dwell East Shore Mighty (Virtual) Choir

Closing Words

One Writer's Beginning

Jenny Selby

Eudora Welty

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

Amendment by Ani Di Franco

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices. Please ask any usher for an assisted listening device, a large print hymnal, or a braille hymnal.

Please feel free to fill out a card of care and celebration located at the back of the Sanctuary. These cards can be read during the Pastoral Prayer. Candles are also available to light to recognize a joy or concern.

Worship Leadership Today Ushers: Carla Hellekson | Zoom Tech Support: Grace Colton

Thanks to the Worship Team; our Ushers and Greeters; our Religious Education Teachers; and the ACE Media People for audio visual support.

Next Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m.

"Music Sunday"

Eric Lane Barnes and the East Shore Mighty Choir

With a Special 100th Birthday Recognition for ESUC Founding Member, Robert Garthwaite. Bob will be joining us from San Marcos, Texas where he moved last year, but from where he keeps up with all that is going on, as he has for over 70 years.

TODAY AT EAST SHORE

Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m.: Outside & Online: After worship, enjoy a casual time to get to know the East Shore community of friends and members. You will be put into groups of 4-6 for easy conversation and mingling. For those in person, head outside and gather with others! There will be coffee and tea outside, please consider bringing your own travel mug!

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Issaquah: 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!

REV. FURRER FAREWELL FUND

Amid all the hoopla for Rev. Maria Cristina, please don't forget all the efforts of Rev. Furrer to get us to a place where we could attract such a wonderful minister. You may make a financial contribution to Steve's going away gift(s) by going to the website and BE SURE to put "Rev. Furrer's gift" in the memo box so the money will go where you intend it. Or mail in a check, but again identify the purpose as "Rev. Furrer gift". Please do so by May 25. We will have a chance to contribute to a virtual memory book later this month. Watch the weekly eblasts. The celebration of his ministry with us will occur following worship service on June 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Budget Town Hall: Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Come learn about the proposed 2022-23 Operating Budget. We will review the numbers, answer questions, and listen to member comments. This is an important step in developing our annual operating budget that we will vote on in June. Join Zoom Meeting: 844 6319 8115, Passcode: 806506

Annual Margaret Fuller Tea: Sunday, May 15, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Join Women's Perspective for their annual tea honoring Margaret Fuller. Our Keynote Speaker will be our own Col. Peggy Phillips, U.S. Air Force (Retired) speaking about how her UU beliefs and principles have influenced her career in aviation, her East Shore activities, and home life. We will also be honoring two women being inducted into the Clara Barton Sisterhood for their service to others. Register at esuc.org

Seabeck Memorial Day Weekend 2022: Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30 (In Person): Offerings for the weekend will include opportunities for both inner and outer reflection and growth. We are creating a safer camp experience by moving activities to existing outside spaces or to free standing tents. Registration now open at esuc.org.

Art in Community Summer Camp: June 27-July 1 (In Person): In-person summer camp for Kid Participants Grades K-5 and Youth Camp Counselors Grades 6-12. We imagine a world of empowered kids bringing their voices and visions for the greater good of our world! Register at esuc.org.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR INDIGENOUS 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.

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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.



Homewade

The Eight Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote eight Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. They are:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- * Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- * The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Getting to Know Us

Where to Start: Attend worship services, introduce your children to Religious Education, come to coffee hour, join the choir, participate in East Shore's variety of activities and classes. You can read more about these in our newsletter, *The Beacon*, or if you sign up for the weekly e-mail (at the visitors table).

Learn More about Becoming a Member: Talk to our Director of Membership Development for details about our Pathway to Membership.

Ways to Support East Shore's Mission

Donations to East Shore go to support the operating fund. This allows us to be open seven days a week, offer great programming, classes, and events. Please join us for some upcoming classes or events!

There are many ways to volunteer your time at East Shore, whether you like to do office work, grounds work, or working with children. We are open 7 days a week, and could always use more help. For more information, fill out a form at www.esuc.org/give/volunteer/ or contact our Office Administrator, Jenny Newell.