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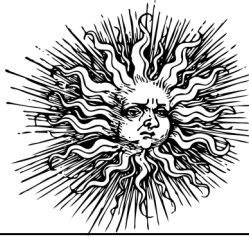
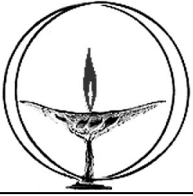
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“Winter Solstice Service” December 21, 2022



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



ORDER OF SERVICE

December 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

LeAnne Struble

Winter Solstice Blessing

Calling the Directions

East

Amanda Alice Uluhan

South

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

West

Chris Struble

North

Sydney Rivera-Gatins

Center

Leta Hamilton

Song

On Midwinter's Day

Chris Struble

by Damh The Bard

Why We Light Candles

Candle of Hope

Hope is an Open Heart

Leta Hamilton

by Lauren Thompson

Candle of Peace

Peace is an Offering

Sydney Rivera-Gatins

by Annette Lebox

Song

Silent Night

Eric Lane Barnes

Silent night, Solstice Night

All is calm, all is bright

Nature slumbers in forest and glen

Till the Springtime She awakens again

Sleeping spirits grow strong!

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Silent Night, Solstice Night

Silver moon shine bright

Snowflakes blanket the slumbering earth

Yule fires welcome the Sun's rebirth
Hark, the Light is reborn!
Hark, the Light is reborn!

Silent Night, Solstice Night
Quiet rest till the Light
Turning every the rolling wheel
Brings the Winter to comfort and heal
Rest your spirit in peace!
Rest your spirit in peace!

Candle of Joy

How It Might Continue
by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer

LeAnne Struble

Song

Joy To The World

Eric Lane Barnes

Joy to the world the solstice comes
Now Earth prepares for Spring
Let every hearth with firelight bloom
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the earth, now gladness reigns
And birds their songs employ
While fields, and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat Repeat the sounding joy

No more will cold and darkness grow,
Though frost still coats the ground,
We wait to hear the rivers flow
As far as hope is found
As far as hope is found
As far, As far as hope is found

She heals the earth with truth and grace
And asks us all to prove
The glories of her righteousness
And wonders of her love
And wonders of her love
And wonders and wonders of her love

Candle of Love *I Love You More Than Applesauce*
By Jack Prelutsky

Luke Love

Candle of Family

Song

All I Really Need
By Raffi

Eric Lane Barnes

Closing of The Directions

Rev. Dr. María Cristina, Chris Struble
Amanda Alice Uluhan, Leta Hamilton & Sydney Rivera-Gatins

Circle Dance

"Irish Stew"
to the tune of The Rakes of Mallow

Eric Lane Barnes
& Chris Struble

Soup And Bread Dinner

SPECIAL THANKS to the Salish Sea CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) ministry team for leading today's service.

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

END OF YEAR GIVING & OFFICE CLOSURE

Each year at this time we ask you to consider contributing to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help her support our members and neighbors who may need some extra help paying for groceries or utilities. You can do that any time by dropping off a check or going online and putting "Minister's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your support. As the year comes to a close, we wanted to remind you to get your donations for 2022 in before December 24 as the staff will be off December 25-January 1.

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS AT EAST SHORE!

Christmas Eve All Ages Service: Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): Enjoy the unique, rousing peace of Christmas Eve in this service crafted for children of all ages at 4:00. We will end the service with the traditional candle lighting. **Come early** (3:30 p.m.) to enjoy some hot cocoa and a story walk perfect for all ages.

Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): Join us for a lovely candlelight service with carols and readings that convey the spirit of Christmas. The choir will lead us in carols while Rev. María Cristina shares readings.

Christmas Morning Service: Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. (Virtual Only): Join us on December 25th, Christmas morning, for an informal contemplative Sunday service. This service will be zoom only as the buildings will be closed. Dress casually, PJ's or even your favorite ugly Xmas sweater. Let's connect in a relaxed atmosphere to share stories, joys & sorrows, and inspirational music.

New Year's Day Service: Sunday, January 1, 10:30 a.m. (Multiplatform): Join us this morning for an all ages service celebrating the start of a new year. We will celebrate with stories, songs, and learn how to prepare for the coming year like mother earth does. We will sit quietly and rest and dream.

HAPPENING IN 2023!

Family Ministry Open House: Sunday, January 8, 12:00 pm (In Person): Come meet our Religious Education families, staff, and volunteers. It's a great chance to get to know each other and find out what's coming up in the Winter Quarter Family Ministry programs. We will have lunch and games. All are welcome!

Women's Perspective Movie Night: "Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines": Friday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. (In Person): All those who identify as women are invited to share a potluck dinner before, and discussion after, a showing of "Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines." From the birth of the 1940s comic book heroine, Wonder Woman, to the blockbusters of today, Wonder Women! looks at how popular representations of powerful women often reflect society's anxieties about strong and healthy women. RSVP to Lori Saccardi.

Radical Welcome: Transforming Our Hearts: Sunday, January 15, 12:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): We are at a crucial turning point—will we live into our commitment to be a home for all those who need Unitarian Universalism? Doing so will require a welcome that transforms our hearts, our congregation, and ultimately our world. Alex Kapitan, who visited East Shore in October, will be offering a powerful multi-platform workshop on radical welcome, in advance of East Shore engaging with the Transforming Hearts Collective's transformative program on trans inclusion and culture shift.

Culture, Trauma, and Resilience Workshop: Saturday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. (In Person): Join us as we continue the hands-on Doll Project, and interactively explore the impact of colonization, historical trauma, and the loss of Indigenous identity fueling the MMIWP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People) crisis. Our presenter, Carolyn DeFord, will also educate us on the importance of Native American culture in identity and resilience.

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 <https://esuc.org/give/#volunteer> or contact our Office Administrator Jenny Newell, at esuc@esuc.org

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