

# EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## “Love is Our Covenant”

### All Ages Service

February 12, 2023



*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

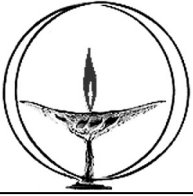
Children and youth gather in the Sanctuary with their peers or parents and on most Sundays of the year, help to light our worship chalice, share our covenant, a song and story. Most Sundays, children and youth will go to programming just for them after the Story! On "All Ages Sundays", children and youth stay in the Sanctuary and enjoy in a worshipful and celebratory space with no religious education programming. Rugs in the back and front of the Sanctuary invite children to color, read, listen, and play while also enjoying the song, movement, and prayer of a UU community. If you'd like to hear more about our programs and our registration process, set up a call with Amanda Alice Uluhan, Director of Religious Education at 425-747-3780 ext 104. We are so glad you are here!

## 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](mailto:membership@esuc.org). Paper copies of sermons and audio copies of the service are available in the Administration Building. You can also listen to the sermons online at [esuc.org/worship/past-worship-services](http://esuc.org/worship/past-worship-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.***



*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 joys & sorrows located at the back of the Sanctuary or under the chairs.*

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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

February 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

### **Centering Music**

Eric Lane Barnes

### **Ring of the Bell**

### **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

### **Call To Worship**

*Pouring of Ancestral Libation  
in Honor of Black History Month*

Cecelia Hayes

### **Opening Anthem**

*I Love You/Wonderful World*

East Shore Mighty Choir

### **Chalice Lighting & Response**

The Uluhan Family

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.

### **Time for All Ages**

*I Promise*

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

by LeBron James

### **Child Dedication Ceremony**

#### **Affirmation of Congregation:**

Contemplating the miracle of life, we renew in our hearts a sense of wonder. We pledge our love and support to these children and these families. We covenant to live as a community so that each family is welcomed here and each child is raised with abundant nurture and security. We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to providing a community of support for the lives in our care.

### **\* Hymn #118**

*This Little Light of Mine*

### **Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows**

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

## Reflection

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

## 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.

## Gifts of the Congregation

*Text ESUC plus 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](http://esuc.org/give) or mail in a check to ESUC any time! There are also QR codes around campus.*

## \* Hymn #131

*Love Will Guide Us*

## Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

## Benediction

### Postlude

*One Foot in Front of the Other*  
by Melanie DeMore

East Shore Mighty Choir

**Worship Leadership Today** | Greeters: Carol Sinape, Evelyn Smith | Ushers: Fran Corn, Leroy Smith, Laurie Wick | Zoom Tech Assistant: Marcy Langrock | ACE Team: Steve Wellons, Janis Pock, Ralph Lutz

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

## Next Sunday, February 19th, at 10:30 a.m.

*“The World Upside Down”*

Rev. Dr. María Cristina, preaching

*Join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras and Purim. Together, we'll reflect upon the power of reversals. Nothing has the power to change us, confront us with reality, open our ears to a new truth, or turn our life in a different direction like a reversal can; a time when our world is turned upside down.*

## NOTES

### TODAY AT EAST SHORE

**HUUGS for Young Adults Photos: 10:30 a.m. in the Foyer:** A Photo Booth will be set up on Sunday in the Sanctuary foyer. Group photos with a loving message will be sent in this year's HUUGS young adult care packages.

**Religious Education for Children & Youth: In the Education Building**

- ◇ Grades 4-6 OWL - start directly in class. Designed to help children ages nine through twelve to gain the knowledge, life principles, and skills they need to understand and express their sexuality in holistic, life-enhancing ways. Advanced registration required.
- ◇ Grades 7-8 OWL - start directly in class. A cornerstone comprehensive sexuality education program based in values where teens explore decision making, body image, and other life issues in a safe environment. Advanced registration required.

**Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m. Outside or North Room:** After worship, enjoy a casual time to get to know the East Shore community of friends and members. Head to the foyer and then outside or back into the North Room! Please consider bringing your own travel mug!

**Sunday Grounds Work Party: 12:00 p.m. Outside:** Please join us for East Shore gardening activities between 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Help out for any amount of time that you are able. There will be a variety of tasks for all skill levels - such as weeding, pruning, and spreading wood chips. Individual or partner work opportunities will be available. Gardeners will be all around the campus, and you can check in for direction from volunteers at the Memorial Garden.

**Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Issaquah:** Join fellow UU activists in Issaquah at the corner of SE 56th Street and Eastlake Sammamish Parkway SE by the McDonalds. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, AAPI, and Indigenous People of Color. All are welcome!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**African American History in Ten Supreme Court Cases: Mondays, February 13-27, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** Retired teacher Mike Radow will consider aspects of American History that most of us did not learn in school. We will examine landmark Supreme Court cases in historical context and look at their implications for today. The format will be brief lecture with a focus on discussion. Join via Zoom 856 3635 2057, Passcode: 687437

**Transforming Hearts Collective: Wednesdays, February 15-March 22, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** This course is for individuals who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity. Please register at [tinyurl.com/ESUCTransforming](https://tinyurl.com/ESUCTransforming).

**Women's Perspective Lake Hills Greenway Trails: Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. (In Person):** All those who identify as women are invited to join us on this a lovely flat walk through greenways and wetlands in Bellevue. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 20, Presidents Day, at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden parking lot, 15500 SE 16th St. We will walk to Larsen Lake and the blueberry farm. Accompanied children welcome! To RSVP, contact Sheridan Botts at 206-491-5617. Well-behaved dogs on leashes can come too.

**Fourth Wednesday Book Club: *The Bluest Eye*: Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 pm (Virtual):** Please join us to discuss *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. The novel takes place in Lorain, Ohio and tells the story of a young African-American girl named Pecola and her desire for the blue eyes she equates with "whiteness." Join via Zoom: 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

**Women's Perspective Movie Night: In Our Mothers' Gardens: Friday, February 24, 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 "In Our Mother's Gardens." We are honoring Black History Month and a request from a new member! "In Our Mothers' Gardens" celebrates the strength and resiliency of Black women and Black families through the complex, and oft-times humorous, relationship between mothers and daughters.

**Grades K-3 OWL Parent Info Session: Monday February 27, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** Join the Children's Religious Education team for an online information session about the Our Whole Lives Sexual Health program. This meeting will focus on the curriculum for grades K-3, ages 5-9, scheduled to start at East Shore Sunday April 2. Join via Zoom: 863 6849 8802

**Meaningful Movies: Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring Our World: Tuesday, February 28, 6:50 pm (Virtual):** Join us for a screening of *Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring Our World*, a powerful documentary about five Native American communities as they restore their traditional land management practices in the face of a changing climate. We'll have a lively discussion immediately after the film. Join Meaningful Movies Bellevue via Zoom: 879 2971 8047, Passcode: MMB.

**See more upcoming events at [esuc.org/whats-happening](https://esuc.org/whats-happening)**

## ESUC NEWS

**Save the Date! Installation of Rev. María Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa: Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. (Multiplatform):** Please join us on Sunday for a very special worship service. This Installation Ceremony is our congregation formally entering into shared ministry with Rev. Maria Cristina. The service will include special guests, music and more. Want to help? Contact Nicole Duff.

**Save the Date! Women's Perspective Retreat, April 14-16:** Join your ESUC sisters to "Take Back the Narrative for Reproductive Freedom!" at the Women's Perspective Annual Retreat, April 14-16 once again at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Registration opens March 4.

**Save the Date! East Shore Retreat @ Sebeck 2023:** All folks in the East Shore Community are invited to gather in Sebeck over Memorial Day weekend from May 26 - May 29, 2023! This is an annual retreat for all ages. Volunteers still needed! Talk to David Langrock. Registration will open February 24.

**Help Wanted for Summer Camp:** We are looking for 15-20 hours of administrative support over the next couple of months leading up to East Shore's summer camp. For a young adult, there can be a small stipend to express our thanks for your generosity. Contact Amanda Uluhan Camp Director for more information.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS

We, at East Shore Unitarian Church, acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of Coast Salish peoples. We recognize the impact of settler colonialism and pledge to nurture our relationship with our indigenous neighbors. Their ways and understanding will guide us 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](http://www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement).

## 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](mailto:esuc@esuc.org)

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