

# EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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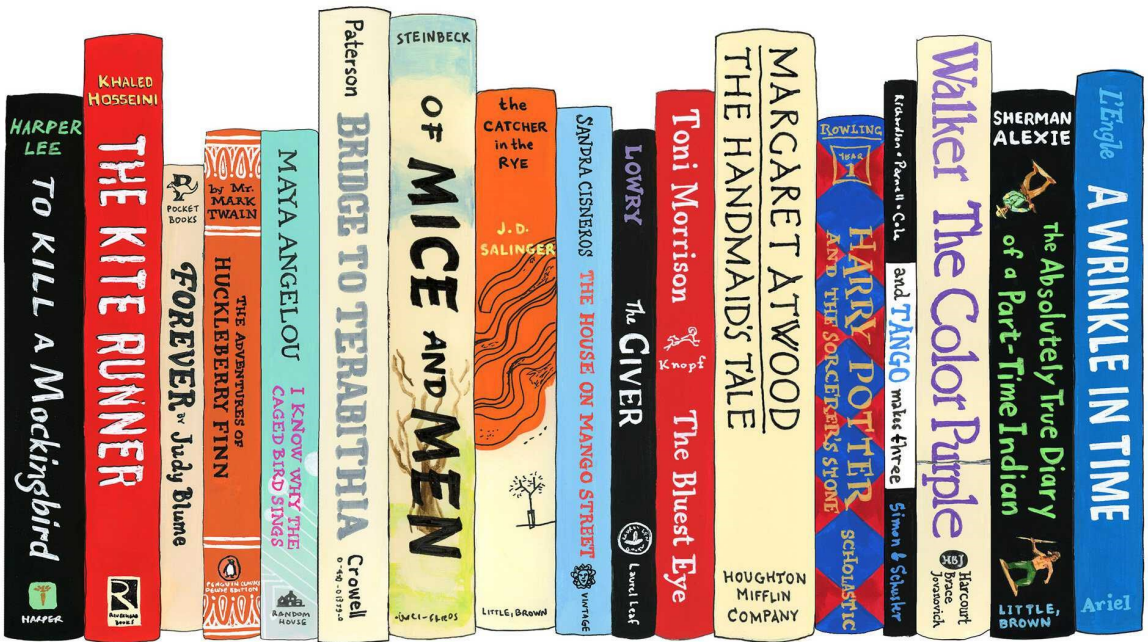
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## “Book Communion”

May 28, 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

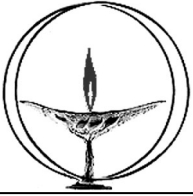
Children and youth gather in the Sanctuary with their peers or parents and on most Sundays of the year, help to light our worship chalice, share our covenant, a song and story. Most Sundays, children and youth will go to programming just for them after the Story! On "All Ages Sundays", children and youth 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**

May 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Centering Music**

Eric Lane Barnes

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

LeAnne Struble

**Ring the Bell**

**Opening Song**

*Reading Rainbow*

by Steve Horelick, Dennis Neil Kleinman & Janet Weir

**Chalice Lighting & Response**

LeAnne Struble & Luke Love

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**

*The Reading Song*

**Reading**

from *Geronimo Stilton Creepella Von Cacklefur*

LeAnne & Luke

*Ghost Pirate Treasure*

by "Geronimo Stilton"

**Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows**

Eric Lane Barnes & Nicole Duff

*Please fill out a card from under the seat (in person) or in chat (virtual)*

**Musical Meditation**

*I Am Sending You Light*

**Reading**

from *The Magicians*

Kim Espinoza

by Lev Grossman

**Reading**

from *'Til We Have Faces*

Eric Lane Barnes

by C.S. Lewis

**Book Communion**

## Musical Celebration

*The Book of Love*  
by Stephin Merritt

## Reading

from *A Chosen Faith*  
by Forrest Church and John A. Buehrens

Milly Mullarky

## East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Nicole Duff

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.*

## Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

LeAnne & Luke

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

Eric Lane Barnes

## Postlude

*Unwritten*  
by Natasha Bedingfield

**Worship Leadership Today** | Greeters: Luke Love | Ushers: Mary Anderson | Zoom Tech Assistant: Ralph Lutz | ACE Team: Dennis Fleck, Chris Struble, Lee Winstrom | Coffee Hour Host: Mary Anderson

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

## Next Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

“ANNUAL PRIDE SERVICE & SUMMER POTLUCK”

Arnaldo, preaching

*World-famous drag chanteuse Arnaldo will be performing and sharing on this exuberant, uplifting and informative service. We will be addressing the conservative backlash against drag performers and trans people, with action plans of what we can do to combat these dangerous and deadly bills. But above all, this service will be a joyful celebration of who we are! After service, join us for our annual potluck. **Bring a side dish or dessert.***

***For more info on banned books see:***

*[cbsnews.com/pictures/the-50-most-banned-books-in-america/](https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/the-50-most-banned-books-in-america/)*

*[tinybeans.com/kids-books-and-childrens-books-that-are-banned-books/](https://www.tinybeans.com/kids-books-and-childrens-books-that-are-banned-books/)*

## **TODAY AT EAST SHORE**

**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!

**Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Kirkland:** 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, AAPI, and Indigenous People of Color. Flash Stances start conversations, and then carry those conversations on. All are welcome-join us in this important work! Learn more about Flash Stances here on KBCS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Democracy and its Alternatives from the Great Courses: Tuesdays, March 28-June 13, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** What characteristics do democracies share? How do they differ? And what can alternatives to democracy—namely, authoritarianism and dictatorship—teach us about democracy itself? To watch and discuss the lectures use the link <https://rebrand.ly/zhzte8a>.

**Humanist Discussion Group: Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** Join our monthly gathering of humanists for a discussion. Topics provided. Led by John Thompson. Join via Zoom Meeting ID: 897 8229 3617, Passcode: 230276.

**Summer Potluck: Sunday, June 4, 11:30 a.m. (In Person):** All are invited to the return of our Summer Potluck! Entrees (both meat and vegan) will be provided, but we encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert. Stay and enjoy the community here at East Shore! Many hands make light work, so if you can help contact Martin Cox or Nicole Duff.

**Rally for Roe: Freedom of Choice: Saturday, June 10, 12:00 p.m. (In Person, off site):** Join East Shore Women's Perspective and other activists on Saturday, June 10 from noon – 1:00 p.m. at Renton's "The Landing" in front of Red Robin, to voice your values. Bring your own sign or use one provided. If you like, we'll lunch at one of the nearby cafés afterward.

**Grounds Work Party: Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (In Person):** Please mark your calendars for our June Grounds Work Party on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like, bring a sack lunch and come join our Fellowship Lunch at noon. Come for any amount of time to help out and see the progress that the Grounds Team has made during the past months. Sign up at [esuc.org](http://esuc.org) for the June Grounds Work Party.

**East Shore Outdoors: Multiple Dates (In Person):** As the better weather approaches, many of us want to get outside and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Pacific Northwest. You can do that, and contribute to building community at East Shore, by participating in walks and hikes organized by the East Shore Outdoors group. Questions? Contact Amanda Strombom.

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

## ESUC NEWS

**Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.:** This meeting for members will take place following service. More details will be sent in the coming weeks. Votes this meeting will include leadership positions and bylaw changes. The budget will be voted on in December. Two volunteer adults needed for childcare during our Congregational Meeting, ratio of 1 adult per 8 children. Volunteers, if members, can participate in the meeting via absentee ballot. Contact Martin Cox. Need childcare? Email Amanda Alice Uluhan.

**Summer RE: Sundays, June 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.:** All ages children and youth join in for a fun, interactive, stand-alone UU lesson. 2 adult volunteers per week are needed. Questions? Contact LeAnne at [education2@esuc.org](mailto:education2@esuc.org).

**Art in Community Summer Camp: Monday, June 26-Friday June 30:** Registration Now Open Kids ages 5 – 12 are invited to join us for Art, Social Justice, Community, Camp, & Summer Fun. Kids are guaranteed to have a ton of fun and make great friends. Our camp meets from 9 am – 3:00 pm each day for a full week. See more details and register at [esuc.org](http://esuc.org).

**ESUC @ The Mariners: Sunday, August 27, 1:00 p.m. (In Person at T-Mobile Park):** All are invited to the Sunday, August 27th game at 1:10 p.m. as our Seattle Mariners take on the Kansas City Royals! Tickets are \$12 each and need to be reserved. Contact Nicole Duff.

## 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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