

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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“Blessing of the Animals” October 1, 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

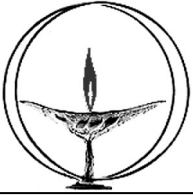
Children and youth gather in the Sanctuary with their peers or parents and on most Sundays of the year, help to light our worship chalice, share our covenant, a song and story. Most Sundays, children and youth will go to programming just for them after the Story! On "All Ages Sundays", children and youth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

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Centering Music

Aba Daba Honeymoon

Eric Lane Barnes

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Ringling of the Bell

Chalice Lighting & Response

Signe Lalish

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.

Opening Song

Barnyard Dance

Eric Lane Barnes

Blessing of the Animals Ceremony

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Children's Recessional

This Little Light Of Mine

(Verse 1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

(Verse 2) Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

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

Musical Meditation

I Am Sending You Light

Homily

Living the Seventh Principle

Rev. Dr. María Cristina
& Eric Lane Barnes

Musical Celebration

All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

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.

Testimonial

Signe Lalish

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 or mail in a check to ESUC any time! There are also QR codes around campus.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

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

The Lion Sleeps Tonight
based on the song by Solomon Linda

Worship Leadership Today Worship Associate: Signe Lalish | Greeters: Amanda Strombom, Sheridan Botts | Ushers: Ann Carlstrom, Laurie Wick | Zoom Tech: Grace Colton | ACE Media Team: Ralph Lutz, Janis Pock, Chris Struble

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

Next Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m.

“Indigenous People’s Day”

Rev. Dr. María Cristina, preaching

Join us as we celebrate Indigenous People's Day and reaffirm our commitment to strengthen our connections with our indigenous neighbors. We recognize the impact of settler colonialism. We lift up indigenous ways of knowing to guide us in building the Beloved Community and practice being in right relationship with Mother Earth and all our relatives.

TODAY AT EAST SHORE

Religious Education for Children & Youth (In Person): Join us in the Sanctuary before heading over to the Education building together. Register and learn more about our programs at esuc.org.

- ◇ Little UUs (Waddlers and Toddlers): We offer a fun, nurturing, safe place for your child to learn about values and spiritual practices.
- ◇ Discovery Year (Grades K-3): We offer small group learning environments to enrich and continue the faith development that adults experience in the worship service, only its presented in an age-appropriate way!
- ◇ Stepping Stones (Grades 4-6): We build on our foundations of Unitarian Universalist values with rich and creative learning environments.
- ◇ YES-UU (Junior High): Youth programs include a variety of curricula to develop a great sense of self and connect with your values in service to yourself and the greater good.
- ◇ YUUP (High School): Young Unitarian Universalist Project is a safe and encouraging place for high school students to meet, engage with their values, and contribute to ESUC.

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!

Usher/Greeter Training: 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Our greeters are the first people many visitors interact with. They are VITAL to us making a good first impression. Ushers are the steadfast volunteers to ensure things run smoothly and we couldn't do Sunday morning without them. All those who currently and want to serve in this role should attend.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Bellevue: Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Factoria on the corner by Dacell's Jewelers. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, AAPI, and Indigenous People of Color.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mindfulness Meditation: First & Third Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (In Person):

Experience both guided meditation and silent practice. We are more powerful sitting together than alone. Breathe and begin again. Meet in the sanctuary, first and third Wednesdays. Dates are October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20. All are welcome. No registration. No cost. If questions, contact Caroline at chaessly@yahoo.com.

Women's Perspective Movie Night: Nomadland: Friday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. (In Person):

All those who identify as women are invited to a movie night in Spring Hall. Join us as we watch Nomadland. A woman in her sixties who, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad. This film won best picture, best director and best actress in 2021.

Millennial Meetup: Sunday, October 8, 12:00 pm (In Person):

Are you a Millennial (born between 1981-1996)? Nicole Duff is putting together an outing right after worship in Factoria. This is just an opportunity to be social and get to know one another. If interested, please contact Nicole for more information.

All-Church Ivy Pull: Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm (In Person):

English ivy can choke - and kill! The beautiful trees that give our yards & neighborhoods shade and character. What looks like a lovely green plant can strangle trees, accelerate rot, attract mosquitos, and cause mature trees to topple during storms. Snacks and garden gloves will be available.

Women's Perspective Walk in Kubota Gardens: Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. (In Person):

All those who identify as women are welcomed to join us for a lovely walk in the beautiful Kubota Gardens and optional lunch together post. Meet at parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to meet up with Geri Kennedy, who is a loyal volunteer there and will lead us, pointing out special features. Please RSVP to Marcia Sill, 206-683-7228 (also a text)

Youth Advisor Training: Saturday October 28, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (In Person):

Volunteer and staff advisors working with youth ages 12+ have the opportunity to attend our annual youth advisor training. This one day in person training will also connect congregations to ongoing support and resources. Fees for the training will be covered by the congregation and lunch is included. Please contact Amanda Uluhan for more information!

Drag Queen Story Hour: Saturday, November 11, 2:30-5:00 p.m. (In Person, off site - The Brewmaster's Taproom (2000 Benson Rd S, Renton, WA 98055):

Come and join the ESUC Outreach Team and wear your new ESUC T-Shirt to show our group support for the monthly Drag Queen Story Hour in Renton. The Brewmaster's Taproom is a family-friendly (and dog-friendly) establishment that offers beer, baked goods, and even an apothecary. If you would like to carpool from East Shore, please send an email to Jeanne Lamont at carpettheden@gmail.com and she will connect you with other carpoolers.

See more upcoming events at esuc.org/whats-happening

ESUC NEWS

T-Shirts for Sale: The Outreach Team has been working hard to design a new East Shore t-shirt to wear at rallies, marches, East Shore outings, worship, or even just out and about. In the end, we came up with three designs. Go to esuc.org to place your order today!

PorchLight/Congregations for the Homeless is here and staying through October 31! Your assistance is needed! Do you like to cook? You, your friends, your covenant circle, your RE class, your neighbors, etc could prepare a dinner for 20 men and deliver to ESUC! Do you like to greet people? You can sign up to be our ESUC Host to welcome the men each night and act as an ESUC liaison between the folks. Do you like to shop? Each week perishable supplies are needed. A shopping list is provided and your purchase can be a donation or you can request reimbursement. Contact Peggy Phillips: PeggyPhillips@comcast.net or 425-417-1366.

New Ways to Support P-Patch: Have you noticed the produce table outside the foyer after services? P-Patch ministry shares fresh veggies and fruits from our campus and home gardens. We'll soon be selecting a local food justice nonprofit to benefit from this year's produce table donations. If you have ideas for a worthy local recipient, please let Ann Fletcher know. Donations can be made by:

- Pay with cash or check at the table or send to the administration offices (P-Patch memo line)
- Text "ESUC PPatch" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
- Donate in Realm on the church website at: <https://onrealm.org/esuc/give/ppatch>
- or scan the QR CODE at the table.

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.

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

Scan Here to give to East Shore from your phone:

