#### **EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH**

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# "Transgender Day of Remembrance" November 20, 2023



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

#### Welcome to East Shore Unitarian Church

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.

# **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.

#### **Prayer for Our Trancestors by Laura Conkle**

We love and remember our trans siblings stolen from us this year. We love and remember all of our trancestors stolen from us throughout time and space.

Our hearts are broken. May we find the care in our community to keep grieving and keep loving and keep living.

Life, Soul, Love ~ We call out to you in our grief and our rage. We call out to you in our terror and our exhaustion. Please help us to gather ourselves together and to each other. Give us strength. Give us comfort. Give us care.

Life, Soul, Love ~ We call out to you in our need for support and change. We call out to you in our dreams and wishes. Please help us survive. Please change the hearts and souls of those who directly bring us harm. Please change the hearts and souls of those who allow harm to come to us through their absence.

Life, Soul, Love ~ We call out to you in our sacred wholeness. We call out to you in our full humanity. Please sustain us as we love and fight for ourselves and our trans siblings right now and always. Please bring us to a day when we may live, whole and sacred, reasonably safe in the great wide world.



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

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Centering Music** True Colors Eric Lane Barnes

Cyndi Lauper

Girl Or Boy

Dani Shay

Welcome Rev. Dr. María Cristina

& Nicky Woolwine

Musical Interlude There Was a Boy

Kovu Kingsrod

**Chalice Lighting** Prayer for Our Trancestors Erika Jackson Kirkendall

by Laura Conkle

& David Langrock

\*Hymn #1053 How Could Anyone?

**Reading** by Zr. Alex Kapitan Rev. Dr. María Cristina

**Invitation to Greet One Another** 

People are invited to share their prayers and light candles.

Those on Zoom can share prayers in the chat.

**Prayer** by Rev. Sunshine Wolfe Nicky Woolwine

\* **Hymn #1006** In My Quiet Sorrow

**Reading of the Names** 

After each name is read, respond with "Presente!"

**Moment of Silence** 

**Prayer** by Mr. Barb Greeve Ron Douglas

**Musical Meditation #123** Spirit of Life

**Benediction** Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Closing Hymn #95 There is More Love Somewhere

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or spirit.

**Thanks** to the Welcoming Congregations Team for organizing; the Staff for support; and the ACE Media People for audio visual support.

**Welcoming Congregations:** David Langrock, Michaela Myles, Ron Douglas, Erika Jackson Kirkendall, Nicky Woolwine & Eric Lane Barnes

**ACE Crew:** Ralph Lutz & Steve Wellons

## **Keeping In Touch**

Do you want to keep in touch during the week? Follow us on Facebook (EastShoreUC) and Instagram (eastshore\_uc). You can also request to join our email list by emailing our Director of Membership Development at membership@esuc.org.

#### **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).

### 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:



#### **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.



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.