

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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“Love Forever Being Born”

December 24, 2023

4:00 p.m.



*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 the holidays 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.

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) and Instagram (eastshore_uc). You can also request to join our email list by emailing our Director of Membership Development at membership@esuc.org. You can listen to most of the sermons online at esuc.org/worship/past-worship-services. Sermons are also available as Podcasts, search for "East Shore Unitarian Sermons." Sermons are typically posted on Tuesdays.

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

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Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Ring of the Bell

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Carol #253

O Come All Ye Faithful

Opening Words

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Chalice Lighting (Kindling the Lights of Christmas) #1061

adapted from *For So The Children Come*

Jessica Belmont

Sophia Lyon Fahs

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: LOVE

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Carol

What Child Is This?

Reading

The Moment of Magic

Amanda Strombom

Victoria Safford

Christmas Eve Reflection

Love Forever Being Born

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Carol #245

Joy To The World

Gifts of the Congregation

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Text ESUC Minister to 73256 to give to ESUC using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also use esuc.org/give or bring a check to ESUC any time!

There are also QR codes around campus.

100% of tonight's offering will go to that portion of the Operating Fund known as the Minister's Discretionary Fund which is used to support members and friends of East Shore and Bellevue area residents with food, shelter, medical and transportation needs.

Musical Meditation

Peace On Earth

Eric Lane Barnes

Passing the Light of Christmas

LeAnne Struble

*Please remember to tilt the **unlit candle** to receive the flame*

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Carol #251

Silent Night

Prayer

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Benediction

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Extinguishing the Chalice

Jessica Belmont

Postlude

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Worship Leadership Today | Greeters: Carol Sinape | Ushers: Elizabeth Wilson | ACE Team: Janis Pock, Lee Winstrom | Coffee Hour Hosts: Doug & Amanda Strombom

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

Next Sunday, December 31st *online only*:

"Seeds For The New Year"

A special service from the UUA

*What seeds are you planting for the new year? How are you weaving your magic into your relationships with others? How can we center beauty and goodness and love in all that's ahead? Watch this inspiring video featuring UUA President Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt and the UUA Staff. **There is no in-person service today.***

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 by December 24 as the staff will be off December 25-January 1.



NEW TO EAST SHORE?

Multicultural Potluck: Sunday, January 7, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): As we begin again this New Year together in community, we are delighted to invite you to a Multicultural Potluck Lunch on January 7th following the worship service. Feel free to drop off your delicious dish early in the Education Building. We'll have the honor of sharing stories about our food and families. All are welcome to join in this celebration of diversity, unity, and the spirit of the New Year. Your presence, along with Rev. María Cristina, will make this event truly special.

Millennial Meetup: Sunday, January 21, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Are you a Millennial (born between 1981ish-1996ish)? 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. We will have them the third Sunday of each month. If interested, please contact Nicole.

East Shore & You: Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual): Are you new to East Shore? Want to learn more about our faith, our community, or how to be a member? Join Nicole Duff and Rev. María Cristina to learn more and get to know one another. This is a special Zoom version! Join Zoom Meeting 848 6844 8004, Passcode: EastShore. All are welcome. Questions? 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.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Klatch: Wednesday, January 3 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (In Person): Coffee Klatch is a weekly ongoing casual conversation group. New and old members and friends are welcome to join. The Coffee Klatch group has been meeting every Wednesday morning on Zoom since COVID began, but starting in 2024 we will resume monthly meetings in person! Beginning January 3, the first Wednesday of each month will meet in person in the ESUC library! Our weekly meetings on Zoom will continue on other Wednesdays.

Humanist Discussion Group: Thursday, January 4, 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.

Book Group: A Fire at the Center: Tuesdays, January 9-30, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): The Indigenous Connections Team is leading a book discussion of *A Fire at the Center: Solidarity, Whiteness, and Becoming a Water Protector* by UU minister Karen Van Fossan. This book is a memoir of Rev. Van Fossan's experiences at Standing Rock that led her to a more genuine understanding of her own culture, herself, and what it means to become a Water Protector. We will meet online at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays in January. No pre-registration is required. Attend one or all the discussions! Join by Zoom: 865 6843 2719, Passcode: Fire

Sacred Stitches: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, beginning January 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (In Person, Virtual Option): Do you have an unfinished project that you would like to finish while connecting with the community? Let's get together to have fun doing all the things that bring us joy and an opportunity to distress and build community. All ages welcome! We begin meeting in person at church (North Room) the second week of January, and going forward, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 6:30-8:30. People can feel free to "drop in" at any time. To get on the mailing list, please email Rev. María Cristina.

Meaningful Movies Bellevue: The If Project: Tuesday, January 23, 6:50 p.m. (Virtual): JWe will be showing *The If Project*, a feature-length documentary that explores the reasons why women are the fastest growing segment of the incarcerated population, increasing at nearly double the rate of men since 1985. Plan to join via Zoom to find out what the "If" question is all about! Join us via Zoom: Meeting ID: 879 2971 8047, Passcode: MMB.

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: *The Prodigal Summer*: Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Please join us to discuss *The Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. Join via Zoom: 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930.

Board Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 3:30 p.m. (Virtual): All are welcome to attend to learn about the latest work the Board is doing. We ask that you keep any question you may have restricted to the chat. Join via Zoom: 858 0291 7937, Passcode: Board.

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:

