EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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"RE Bridging Ceremony" June 9, 2024



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

June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes, Chris Struble, & Arthur Knapp

Ringing The Bell

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Amanda Alice Uluhan & Rose Gatins

Opening Words

Lexi Myers

Casting the Circle

LeAnne Struble

Chalice Lighting & Response

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.

Greeting Our Neighbors

* Hymn # 1023

Building Bridges

Meditation

Stillwater

Time for All Ages

Juliana v. United States

YES-UU Youth Group

in the Court of East Shore Unitarian Church

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

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

Musical Celebration

I Am Still Your Dreamer

East Shore Mighty Choir

Pink Zebra

Volunteer Testimonials

Amanda Alice Uluhan, Tom Ball, Milly Mullarky, & Doug Strombom

RE Leader Appreciation

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Please rise in body or spirit.

Litany For Volunteers

* **Hymn #1064** Blue Boat Home East Shore Mighty Choir

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant Doug Strombom

Love is the doctrine of this church.

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

Reading Eleven Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Sandra Cisneros

Bridging Ceremony Rev. Dr. María Cristina & Amanda Alice Uluhan

Responsive Reading Amanda Alice Uluhan

Closing Words Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Musical Celebration Draw The Circle Wide East Shore Mighty Choir

Benediction Community Means Strength Amanda Alice Uluhan

Starhawk

Extinguishing The Chalice Fiona Duncan

Closing the Circle LeAnne Struble

Presentation of Gifts

Announcements Amanda Alice Uluhan

Postlude Eric Lane Barnes, Arthur Knapp, Chris Struble

Worship Leadership Today | Ushers: Beth Wilson, Laurie Wick | Zoom Tech Assistant: Sheridan Botts | ACE Team: Lee Winstrom, Bob Weiss, Steve Wellons | Coffee Hour Host: Members of the Policy & Governance Committee

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

Next Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

"HONORING OUR ELDERS"

Rev. Dr. María Cristina & Nicole Duff

Join us as we celebrate our eldest members! We will lift up the stories of those who are 90+ years old. After the service join us for birthday cake!

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!

Congregational Meeting: 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Voting members will elect a new Board and Nominating Committee and vote on some bylaw changes. Visitors are welcome to see democracy in action by sitting in the balcony.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Issaquah: Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person 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. Flash Stances start conversations, and then carry those conversations on. All are welcome-join us in this important work!

Kirstie's Back Porch: 5:00 p.m in Bellevue: Join with your Women's Perspective Executive Committee to plan our events and actions for the coming year. We will share a potluck meal in the serene surroundings of Kirstie Lewis' lush yard. 425-351-5945. Kirstie's address is 16434 SE 17th St, Bellevue. Parking limited, carpooling encouraged! RSVP to Kirstie (text): 425-351-5945

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unexpected Economics: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): If you've read any of the Freakonomics books then you will be familiar with the sorts of topics covered in this class such as Marriage as a Search Market, Terrorism as an Occupational Choice, Small Choices and Racial Discrimination, and Obesity – Who Bears the Costs? Learn more here. Led by Alan Carter. Join via Zoom at esuc.org/carterclass.

Sacred Stitches: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (In Person): 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 build community. To be added to the emails, contact Rev. María Cristina.

Grounds Work Party: Wednesday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. (In-Person): Please join us for any amount of time for gardening activities on the East Shore grounds. We will continue weeding and pulling ivy, pruning shrubs, and mulching with wood chips in various areas. We meet by the raised beds in between the Office and the Music buildings. Adults and youth (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to help out. If you would like, bring a sack lunch and come to our lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Puget Sound Unitarian Universalist Youth Bonfire: Saturday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. (In Person): A fun and awesome night for local UU Youth hosted by University Unitarian Church and East Shore Unitarian Church. In order to attend this event, you must be a youth in grades 8-12 and affiliated with a UU congregation. RSVP by Tuesday, June 11. Meet at Golden Gardens in Seattle WA at the fire pits. You'll find us with the yellow Side of Love swag! Contact Amanda Uluhan education@esuc.org.

RE Appreciation Potluck Brunch: Sunday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. (In Person): Families help us celebrate our teachers by joining together in a teacher appreciation brunch. Let's honor the folks who led our children and youth this year in RE. Bring a fun potluck dish to share! Let us know if you can help with set up and clean up!

Millennial Meetup: Sunday, June 16, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Are you a Millennial (born between 1981ish-1996ish)? Nicole Duff is putting together an outing right after worship. We typically meet up down in Factoria monthly. This is just an opportunity to be social and get to know one another. Interested? Contact Nicole Duff at membership@esuc.org.

RE Classroom Cleanup: Monday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. (In Person): Religious Education needs help cleaning the classrooms on Monday, June 17 from 9am-2:30pm. Please RSVP to education@esuc.org if we can count you in!

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: *The Paris Daughter:* **Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual):** Join us as we read *The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel. This gripping historical novel is about two mothers who must make unthinkable choices in the face of the Nazi occupation. Join via Zoom: 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930.

FSUC NEWS

Seattle Pride Parade: Sunday, June 30 (In Person): Save the date! The East Shore Welcoming Congregations and Outreach Teams are joining forces for a great pride parade! Join us along with 4 other UU congregations to march in the parade. All are welcome! Please note: there will be no in person service on this Sunday.

Art in Community Summer Camp: Registration Now Open: In-person summer camp, July 22-26, for participants in Grades K-5 and Youth Camp Counselors in Grades 6-12. We imagine a world of empowered kids bringing their voices and visions for the greater good of our world! Registration now open at esuc.org/camp

Start saving your items for Trinkets and Treasures! Are you downsizing, organizing or just fed up with clutter? Start now to put aside items for the upcoming Trinkets and Treasures rummage sale that will take place July 18-20. All funds raised will go to pay the wonderful teachers at the Friendship School in Kharang, Meghalaya, NE India.

ESUC @ The Mariners: Saturday, September 14, 6:40 p.m. (In Person at T-Mobile Park): Join us as we have a night at T-Mobile Park! All are invited to the Saturday, September 14 game at 6:40 p.m. as our Seattle Mariners take on the Texas Rangers! Tickets are \$12 each and must be paid for when reserving. Seats will be in the 300 level. The first 20,000 attendees will also receive a Luis Castillo POP! Collectible. Get your tickets at esuc.org.

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

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