

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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“Star Wars Sunday”

May 3, 2026



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



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ORDER OF SERVICE

May 3 (the Fourth), 2026

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Ring the Bell

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Greeting The Earthlings

*** Opening Hymn #1064**

Blue Boat Home

Chalice Lighting & Response

Amanda Uluhan

As we light this flame,

let us remember our ancestors, the stars.

For as Rumi once said,

“The universe and the light of the stars come through me.”

Time for All Ages

A Jedi You Will Be

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

by Preeti Chhibber & Mike Deas

Children’s Recessional

This Little ~~Light~~ Star Of Mine

(Verse 1) This little Star of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (x3)

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

(Verse 2) Esta Estrellita yo la haré brillar (x3)

brillará, brillará, brillará!

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

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

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

I Am Sending You Light

Reflections

A New Hope

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

In Defense of the Sidekick

Jenny Newell

The Light and the Dark

Eric Lane Barnes

Musical Celebration

Dark Side

East Shore Mighty Choir

Kelly Clarkson/busbee/Alexander Geringas

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

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 apply. You can also scan this QR code, use esuc.org/give or mail in a check to ESUC any time!



Extinguishing the Chalice

As we extinguish this flame,

Let us remember we carry the spark always in our heart.

For as Carl Sagan once said:

“The nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood, the carbon in our apple pies: all were made in the interiors of stars. We are made of star stuff.”

Musical Celebration

Don't Stop Believin'
Journey (& Eric Lane Barnes)

East Shore Mighty Choir

Benediction

Nemik's Manifesto

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Worship Volunteers: Membership Desk Host: Ann Carlstrom | Greeters: Geri Kennedy | Ushers: Cathy Barich, Susan McDonald | Zoom Tech Assistant: Sheridan Botts | ACE Team: Alan Moritis, Steve Wellons, Lee Winstrom

Next Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m.

“Mother's Day”

Rev. Dr. María Cristina, preaching

Mother's Day is more than a day for flowers and pancakes. It's a time to highlight the aspects of motherhood that are not usually visible in the greeting card aisles. It's a call to honor the resiliency of all those who mother, especially those who bear the brunt of hurtful policies or who are weighed down by stigma in our culture. It's an opportunity to help create the conditions so that all families can thrive. Followed by an Ice Cream Social!

TODAY AT EAST SHORE

Religious Exploration (R.E.) for Children & Youth: In the Education Building: Our member-led R.E. programs are designed to safely support children and youth in practicing love, exploring spirituality, building community, and promoting justice. Classes end at 11:45.

Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m. in the North Room: After worship, enjoy a casual time to get to know the East Shore community of friends and members. All are welcome! There will be coffee, tea and treats.

Millennial Meetup: 12:00 p.m. in Factoria: Are you a Millennial (born between 1981ish-1996ish)? Nicole Duff organizes a monthly outing right after worship. This is just an opportunity to be social and get to know one another. X-ennials and Z-ennials welcome! If interested, please contact Nicole.

CUUPs Celebration Day: Beltane: 12:30 p.m. in E-204: Join the Salish Sea CUUPs team to celebrate the turning of the wheel of the year. We will celebrate each of the Sabbats with a ritual, craft, snack and fellowship. These are family friendly events open to anyone wishing to connect with the earth.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: 12:30 p.m. in Bellevue: Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in Factoria on the corner by Dacell's Jewelers. Join us in this important work!

Our Whole Lives (OWL) 7-8: 1:00 p.m. in E-208: We learn about puberty, contraception, and STI's.

YRUU High School Youth Group: 6:00 p.m. in E-207: Programming for high schoolers includes a weekly evening group for high school age community members.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK (MORE AT ESUC.ORG)

Why I Celebrate Gay Pride Month: A Conversation about Family, A Congregation, and a Flower: Saturday, May 9, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (In Person): A series of personal stories in answer to the question Rev. Dr. Maria Christina asked last June about "why do we celebrate gay pride?" Led by Ed Borroff. Please at esuc.org or by contacting Ed.

Cooking for Sophia Way: Saturday, May 9, 3:00 p.m. (In Person): A group of women from Women's Perspective will join together to prepare a meal for The Sophia Way Women's Shelter. If you are interested in cooking or if you have questions, please contact us at esucswcooking@gmail.com.

Dance Party: Saturday, May 9, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (In Person): Come shake your booty to the beat of The Waybacks playing rockin' music from the 60's and 70's. Enjoy beverages and dance snacks. \$20 per adult, kids and youth free. Reserve your spot on Realm or pay at the door. This is an East Shore Auction event open to all. Join the fun and dance like no one is watching!

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, May 10, 11:30 am (In Person): All are invited to an ice cream social after the service on Mother's Day! We will provide the ice cream (including dairy free) and some toppings. Feel free to bring your favorite topping—though please refrain from bringing nuts.