

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

March 31, 2019



Worship Theme for March: Journey

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ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, March 31, 2019

Prelude	<i>Felitsa, Yanni; Susanne Giordano</i>
Welcome	Worship Associate Robin Schantz-Mulford
Chalice Lighting	By Mary Anne Moore; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Hymn	<i>#1000 Morning Has Come</i>
Call to Worship	By Patty Collins; Robin Schantz-Mulford
Invocation	Kris Olsen
Musical Meditation	<i>From Me to You, Alexis Ffrench; Rev. Lois & Susanne G.</i>
Intro to Today's Service	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
SpiritJam Recessional	<i>*See Various Activities & Spaces Attached</i>
Regathering Hymn	<i>#1021 Lean on Me</i>
Integration	Katy Siepert
Offering	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Offertory	<i>Indigo, Yiruma; Susanne Giordano</i>
Words of Gratitude	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Closing Hymn	<i>#1020 Woyaya</i>
Chalice Extinguishing & Benediction	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer and Katy Siepert
Postlude	<i>Loanna, Yiruma; Susanne Giordano</i>

Activities and Spaces

What's Happening Where for Today's Service:

1 image 6 words (Sanctuary) *One photo graph. You have 6 words to make a poem out of it! Use sticky notes to write on and post near picture.*

Rock Cairns (Sanctuary) *Ever been lost when hiking? Look for rock cairns that show the way. Create these cairns around the church!*

Musical Meditation (Sanctuary) *Don't want to move? Stay in the sanctuary and listen to Susanne play music.*

Journey Circle (Room 1) *For those who wish to share stories of important journeys in their lives through "hearing one another into speech."*

Journey Backpack (Room 2) *What items are needed for journeys? What do you need in your backpack as you journey through life?*

Meditation (Room 5) *Never meditated and wondered what it's all about? Here's your chance to learn how to meditate.*

Altar Building (Room 6) *What is an altar? You decide. Where are altars supposed to be? Anywhere and everywhere. Come and create an altar(s).*

Prayer Beads (Room 7) *Prayer beads are used across religious traditions for prayer and meditation. Make your own strand of prayer beads to be used however you wish.*

Chanting Chapel *There is nothing like vocalizing to take you on a journey. Come and open up your voice through chant. No prior singing experience needed!*

Singing Bowls 13th Street Entry *Himalayan singing bowls have been used for ages as a part of spiritual practices. Come and learn about the depth of the singing bowls and enter into their sounds.*

Life Map Making Hallway by Offices *"Map" out your life journey, the important stops and people along the way through symbols and images and colors.*

Capturing a Word in an Image Kitchen *Partner up with a group of folks and take your smart phones with you to take pictures either indoors or out that you think represent: journey, road, adventure, markers on the way, rest areas, direction, path, water.*

Drumming East Entrance or Outside if the Weather Permits! *Want to explore your own rhythm through drumming? This is the place for you!*

HAPPENING TODAY



WELCOME TO WORSHIP – Every Sunday in the Sanctuary, you will find a table where you are invited to share your blessings, prayers, sorrows, and joys by lighting a candle, dropping a pebble in the water, or writing in a book.

SPIRITJAM: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES – This week we will all sing ourselves out to various activities around the church as we experience *The Future of Church*.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EqUUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice

Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Mystery Pals Registration (on SpiritJam clipboard across from Room 1). 11am-noon, Lobby and Social Hall.

SUNDAY SOCIAL – Join us today from 11am-1pm in the Social Hall for refreshments and visiting with old and new friends.

ACCESSIBILITY MEETING – This is an open meeting time for folks in our congregation with disabilities to meet up, socialize, share concerns and hopes, and collaborate to make our congregation even more accessible and welcoming to all. Sunday, March 31, 11:15-11:45am in the South Foyer. Jones David Hollister, jo@robarthq.net, 541-999-2957.

FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Chapel, we host a session designed for visitors, new church members, and inquirers, as part of an 8-week series of introductory classes about our church and Unitarian Universalist principles. The series will be repeated throughout the year. You can drop in at any time, and later on pick up classes you have missed. Please join us! The topic on Sunday, March 31 will be “Social Action and Community Service.” Rev. Lois Van Leer, Ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

SOUL MATTERS – Join us in small group discussions that are designed to help you engage more deeply with the sermons, readings, and other thematic material that are being discussed in our church throughout each month. A skilled facilitator will lead the group, giving you space and time to “dig more deeply.” Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your open mind. On Sunday, March 31, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 2, the topic will be “Journey.”

Katy Siefert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

HAPPENING TODAY (CONT.)

UU EARTH ACTION GROUP WILL FACILITATE RECYCLING OF PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND LIDS – On Sunday, March 31 from 9:30-10am and 11am-noon, we will collect plastic items outside near the Kitchen entrance and take them to the Glenwood Transfer Station. The only items accepted will be: #2 bottles, jugs, tubs, lids, and beverage handles; #4 bottles, tubs, and lids; and #5 bottles, tubs, and lids. The items must be clean, have all labels removed, and be sorted by number and type of item. You must be present to have the items collected. Sue Craig, sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MYSTERY PALS PROGRAM RESCHEDULED TO APRIL: REQUEST FOR ADULTS – SpiritJam is hoping to start a new tradition called Mystery Pals that will help strengthen the ties between the youth participating in Religious Education programs and adults in the congregation. We need approximately 30 adults to sign up to participate in this 4-week long opportunity. Participants will write letters back and forth to each other each Sunday during the month of April (7, 14, 21, 28). On Sunday, April 28 or May 5, all participants will meet after the service for a reveal party. We need firm commitment from adult participants. Sign up on the clipboard by the SpiritJam bulletin board across from Room 1. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

OPAL CREEK RETREAT INFORMATION – For middle schoolers and their families. Sunday, April 7, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 2. Katy Siepert.

CONNECTING

SISTER CIRCLE MEETS FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH – If you identify as a sister and want to explore the spiritual side of a variety of topics, you are welcome to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm in the Chapel. The next meeting will be on April 2. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105.

TOUCHSTONE TUESDAY POTLUCK – On the first Tuesday of each month, we have a potluck from 5:30-7:30pm in the Social Hall with grace offered at 6pm. Adults with children can take the night off from cooking and be our guests. The next potluck will be on April 2. Lizzy Utterback, tuesdaypotluck@ueugene.org, 858-204-3938.

UUCE ALL COMERS CRAFT CIRCLE – We welcome all members and friends of the church and all community people of any age and ability to bring their portable craft style to share space while creating and learning from each other. No need to register or commit to coming regularly. Snacks to share are welcome, but not required. This new group will start on Tuesday, April 9, and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from 6-8pm in the South Foyer. Hosted by Megan Dorrah and Molly mae Culligan. Questions to mollymaec@gmail.com, 541-517-5710.

OUTREACH

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. New attendees, please arrive at 6:30pm for greetings and orientation. HCAO is a UUCE Justice Network sponsored volunteer organization. Kathy Filip, healthcare@uueugene.org, 248-891-9890.

UUCE VEGGIE GARDEN MAKEOVER STARTS APRIL 6 – UUCE's East garden is taking on an exciting double role: as a resource for the Produce Plus supplemental food program, and as a training ground for the free Seed to Supper gardening course. Please join our weeding work party for any length of time on Saturday, April 6 from noon to 2pm. Bring tools if you wish. We'll bring snacks. RSVP is appreciated, or just show up. Valerie Elliott, homelliott@gmail.com, 541-505-7183.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – The agenda of our next meeting will include discussion of a spring project assembling hygiene kits for distribution to migrants at the Mexican border, a film presentation for the UU congregation, local efforts to support drivers' licenses for all in Oregon, and the Lane County Sheriff's Office collaboration with ICE in flagrant disregard of the Oregon State sanctuary law. Sunday, April 7 from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FREE GARDENING COURSE AT UUCE – To learn to grow veggies on a budget, register for Seed to Supper, the free gardening course offered at UUCE by the church's Earth Equiity Food Project, in conjunction with Food for Lane County. Guided by trained facilitators Valerie Elliott and Steven Marks, you'll learn low-cost ways to create a bountiful garden in containers or in the ground. The six-week class will meet on Tuesdays, from April 23 - May 28, from 1-3pm in Room 5. To register, contact Jen Anonia, jen@foodforlanecounty.org or 541-343-2822, x114. Valerie Elliott, homelliott@gmail.com, 541-505-7183.

MUSIC FOR MOTHER EARTH CONCERT – All are welcome to experience songs that address current climate issues featuring original works from an amazing array of talented musicians, including Dan Kaufman, Craig Mahaffy, Amy Adams, Bella Voce, Geoffrey Gordon, and Philip Bayles and Kristina Jones. In addition, UU students will sing "If We Only Have Love." Free. Friday, April 12, from 7-9pm in the UUCE Sanctuary. Kristina Jones, bkristinajones22@gmail.com, 503-880-5086.

THAT'S MY FARMER COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) FAIR – Local farmers will tell you about their CSAs and provide tasty locally-grown snacks.

There will be activities for the kids and chances to win door prizes. Sliding scale donation requested to support That's My Farmer Low Income Fund. Saturday, April 13, from 11am-2pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene.

<https://foodforlanecounty.org/event/thats-my-farmer-csa-fair-2019/>

UUCE Earth Action. Rouana Garden, clubs900@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGE DRIVE IN PROGRESS NOW! – We have set ourselves an ambitious budget for the coming year. **Please turn in your pledge form or complete your pledge online by March 31.** Completed pledge forms can be placed in the box under the church office window. Save our Generosity Network the task of contacting you to ask you to get your pledge in.

Thank you. Rev. Lois Van Leer.

ADMINISTRY

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION (UUA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, JUNE 19-23, 2019 – GA is the annual meeting of our UUA. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. Most GA events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center. UUCE is entitled to 5 voting delegates. **If you are interested in serving as a voting delegate for our church, please contact Board President Barbara Kellogg (president@uueugene.org, 541-510-9795) or Rev. Lois Van Leer (ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1) by Friday, April 5.** You do not need to be a delegate to attend. The theme this year is “The Power of We.” For the schedule of events, registration, lodging, volunteer opportunities and financial aid, please go to the UUA GA webpage at www.uua.org/ga.

UUCE PROFESSIONAL STAFF SCHEDULES TO BE AWARE OF – Intern Minister Sarah Skochko will be away March 22 through April 9. Minister Rev. Lois Van Leer will be having knee replacement surgery on April 23. She will be out of the office for at least 4 weeks (at least through May 21). Sarah Skochko and the rest of the staff will be covering for her.

Thank you also to Rev. Dennis Reynolds, who will preach during this time as well.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR UUCE – The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is seeking to identify individuals interested in serving in leadership roles on the Board of Trustees and on the Leadership Development Committee beginning in June 2019. Both groups carry a two-year commitment per term, and require a substantial amount of time from members. You can find descriptions of the responsibilities associated with these roles on our website. If you currently are a member of UUCE and would like to explore whether one of these roles would be a good fit for you, or you know of another member who you think would be a good candidate, please contact us for more information. LDC chair, Jane Wagner. janewagner626@comcast.net, 541 687-0757.

WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – “Wholeness Can Be Broken.”

What do we mean by wholeness? Is it perfection? Is it to be without any parts of ourselves that are not broken? Rev. Lois Van Leer.

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, March 31 – April 7, 2019

Sunday, 3/31

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service & SpiritJam**. Sanctuary, Social Hall, and throughout the Church.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lobby, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Library Open**, Library.
11:15-11:45am **Accessibility Meeting**, SF. Jo Hollister-Victoria, 541-999-2957.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.
11:30am-12:30pm **Soul Matters**, Rm 2. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **Middle School Group**, Room 1. Ezra Black, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

Monday, 4/1

- 2:30-4:30pm **The Artist Within**, Room 6. Lynzie Kronheim, 541-228-1033.

Tuesday, 4/2

- 8:00-10:00am **UU Birders**, Off-site. Mike Berg, 541-357-3145.
9:00am-noon **Church Building Work Party**. Eric Swegles, 414-339-8156.
9:00am-noon **Landscaping Gathering**, O. Saro Hendrickson, 541-953-0708.
2:00-4:00pm **Sister Circle**, Chapel. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EquUity Food Project Produce Plus**, EF. Berry B.
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy Utterback.
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)**, Off-site. Kathy Filip.

Wednesday, 4/3

- 10:00-11:00am **Moving Meditation**, Chapel. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
5:00-8:30pm **Choir Childcare**, Room 3. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers (Closed)**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
5:30-7:00pm **Harry Potter & Sacred Text**, Off-site. Debra E., 541-731-5899.
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group 1**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

Thursday, 4/4 No open UUCE events listed.

Friday, 4/5 No open UUCE events listed.

Saturday, 4/6

- Noon-2:00pm **UUCE Veggie Garden Makeover**, O. Valeria Elliott, 541-505-7183.

Sunday, 4/7

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**. Sanctuary, Social Hall.
10:00-11:30am **SpiritJam: RE for People of All Ages**, S, Rms 2, 5, 6.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lobby, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Library Open**, Library.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.
11:30am-12:30pm **Opal Creek Retreat Info**, Rm 2. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 6. Connie N., 541-543-1685.
11:30am-1:00pm **Middle School Group**, Room 1. Ezra Black, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

Legend: C=Chapel; Cmte=Committee; EF=East Foyer; JN=Justice Network; K=Kitchen; Lib=Library; Lo=Lobby; MO=Minister's Office; O=Outside; P=Playground; RE=Religious Education; Rm=Room; S=Sanctuary; SF=South Foyer; SH=Social Hall