

"Agree in Love" - Rev. David Pyle; Rev. Julie Brock, Worship Leader

What is it that holds the center of our Unitarian Universalist tradition? What do we share in common, and how can that hold our congregations through the difficult times, when we are not in agreement with one another? Rev. Pyle reflects that perhaps a part of who we are can be revealed by sharing about Unitarian Universalism with his military chaplain colleagues from other faith traditions.



Order of Service

Sunday, February 25, 2024

CHIME

Rev. Julie Brock, Worship Leader

WELCOME/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Julie Brock

PRELUDE

Give Us Hope, by Jim Papoulis

Todd Ballou, Music Director at 1st UU
with the Choir

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Julie Brock

CHALICE LIGHTING

words from Rev. Dr. James Villa Blake

Rev. Julie Brock and Rev. David Pyle

OPENING HYMN #1012 (STJ)

When I Am Frightened, words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham, arr. Jeannie Gagné

TIME FOR ALL AGES

"A Church for All" by Gayle E. Pitman, pictures by Laure Fournier

read by Mag and Colin Verriest

CARRY THE FLAME

♪ *May your mind be open to new learning.*
May your lips bring truth into the world.
May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice,
As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace. ♪

OFFERTORY

No One is Alone from Into the Woods, by Stephen Sondheim

Todd Ballou

Northwest shares 50% of its plate collections with a local 501c3 charitable organization. The Social Justice Team has selected the **Ruth Ellis Center** as our February plate collection recipient. Founded in 1999, Ruth Ellis Center (REC) has established a national reputation for quality and innovation in providing trauma-informed services for lesbian, gay, bi-attractional, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth, and young adults, with an emphasis on young people of color, experiencing homelessness, involved in the child welfare system, and/or experiencing barriers to health and wellbeing.

Text: to 248-574-8034 with your amount + plate, ex. "\$20 plate"

Online: select give to "Plate Collection – 50% Split"



PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENCE

Rev. Julie Brock

SUNG RESPONSE #123 (STLT)

Spirit of Life, words & music: Carolyn McDade

READING

words from "Our Covenant" by Alcie Blair Wesley

Rev. Julie Brock

HYMN #129 (STLT)

Let Love Continue Long, words: Berkeley L. Moore, music: John Ireland

SERMON

"Agree in Love"

Rev. David Pyle

CHOIR ANTHEM

You Reap What You Sow, words & music: Pepper Choplin

Todd Ballou with the Choir

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

Rev. Julie Brock

BENEDICTION

Rev. David Pyle

RECESSIONAL

Todd Ballou

The Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church

*Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church is a religious community
that challenges us to grow in spirit, knowledge, acceptance, and action.
We provide support and warmth in times of need and joy.*



Aspirational Covenant

We, the members of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation, aspire to be a welcoming, diverse, multigenerational, and inclusive congregation. To this end, we endeavor to:

- Treat each other with respect, trust, kindness, and patience,
- Foster expression of ideas, beliefs, values, identities, and experiences,
- Lift one another and the congregation as a whole,
- Provide a supportive environment for all sharing hope on this journey,
- Listen and learn together while caring for each other and the planet,
- Build a fair, peaceful, and socially responsible world.

May we create beloved community, with a gentle heart and thoughtful ear, and maintain this community with our Eight Unitarian Universalist Principles as our guide.

- * 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 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.

Children and Youth Religious Education

Children 5+ will join the worship service. They will hear a story called "A Church for All," by Gayle Pitman. We are exploring what a beloved community looks like. The Pre-k through kindergarten group will be making fruit chalices and doing some dancing with scarves. The elementary group will be doing some trust building games. The middle school will be finishing Kids on Bikes and exploring what's next. Our Whole Lives will meet in room D.

Upcoming Worship Services @ 10:30 am

- 3.03.2024 — Pastor Eli Kranz; Tom Ott, Worship Leader
- 3.10.2024 — Rev. Julie Brock; Jody Wise, Worship Leader
- 3.17.2024 — Rev. Cynthia Landrum; Jan Berger-Cohn, Worship Leader

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Assistive hearing devices are available from the AV Tech.

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