

January 11, 2026
Awakening
rev. mandi huizenga



DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church
Sunday Worship Service

January's Theme: Awakening

WELCOME SONG

This Joy, by Shirley Ceasar
Band

BOARD GREETING

Suzanne Gowdy (she/her)

PRELUDE

Nocturne from A Midsummer Night's Dream
by Felix Mendelssohn
Vera Pelin (she/her)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

rev. mandi huizenga (she/her)

HYMN*

May I Be Empty, by Batya Levine
Band

DUUC MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Caroline Bailey (she/her)

CARES OF THE COMMUNITY

rev. mandi huizenga

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

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TIME TO GATHER

Tell the Truth B.B. Wolf, by Judy Sierra
Steve Cooper (he/him) & Carl Kennedy (he/him)

SINGING TO OUR CHILDREN

OFFERING

Caroline Bailey

OFFERTORY

Andate from Impromptu Op. 142, nr. 3, by Franz Schubert
Vera Pelin

READING

The Awakening Age, by Ben Okri
Caroline Bailey

ANTHEM*

Be More Kind, by Frank Turner
Band

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#1008 *When our Heart is in a Holy Place*, by Joyce Poley

BENEDICTION*

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CLOSING MUSIC

Be More Kind, by Frank Turner
Band

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*We extinguish the light of this chalice but not the light in our hearts.
Until we meet again, may the warmth of our community carry you.*
Caroline Bailey

POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Be More Kind, by Frank Turner (lyrics)

*History's been leaning on me lately;
I can feel the future breathing down my neck
And all the things I thought were true
When I was young, and you were too
Turned out to be broken
And I don't know what comes next*

*In a world that has decided
That it's going to lose its mind
Be more kind, my friends
Try to be more kind*

*They've started raising walls around the world now
Like hackles raised upon a cornered cat
On the borders, in our heads
Between things that can and can't be said
We've stopped talking to each other
And there's something wrong with that*

*So before you go out searching
Don't decide what you will find
Be more kind, my friends
Try to be more kind*

*You should know you're not alone
And that trouble comes, and trouble goes
How this ends, no one knows
So hold on tight when the wind blows*

*The wind blew both of us to sand and sea
And where the dry land stands is hard to say
As the current drags us by the shore
We can no longer say for sure
Who's drowning
Or if they can be saved*

*But when you're out there floundering
Like a lighthouse I will shine
Be more kind, my friends
Try to be more kind*

*Like a beacon reaching out
To you and yours from me and mine
Be more kind, my friends
Try to be more kind*

*In a world that has decided
That it's going to lose its mind
Be more kind, my friends
Try to be more kind*

The flowers today are given with love from Bill Kovacs' family in honor of his 80th birthday. Which is today 1/11. Happy Birthday Bill!

JANUARY'S SPECIAL OFFERING

Our cash offering will be split 50/50 between DUUC and the *SMILE Project*. You can donate by texting "[DUUC](#)" to [73256](#) using your mobile device or by placing cash or check in the circulating basket during the service. If donating by check, please note "SMILE" on the memo line. Thank you!

Please Note: Our sanctuary has a Hearing Loop assistive listening system. If you do not have a device with T-coil capability, you may ask an usher for a receiver and earphone.

Sunday morning worship is not possible without the many volunteers who make the morning run smoothly. We thank our audio-visual technicians, greeters, song leaders, offering counters, and ushers who do this good work. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the workings on Sunday morning, please contact: sundayservices@dupageuuchurch.org.

This Sunday's Adult Learning @ 10:15am

- Community Hour

Next Sunday's Adult Learning @ 10:15am

- What We Don't Learn About the Black Panther Party – but should
- Science Sunday

Sunday Morning after the service

- Newcomer Welcome (Lower Annex)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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