

**We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:**

- 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.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, July 16**

Mindfulness Practice / 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. / Zoom  
Nursery / 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. / Nursery  
Online Fellowship Hour / 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / Zoom

**Monday, July 17**

Bridge Club / 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. / Fellowship  
Caregivers' Chalice Circle / 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. / Zoom  
Operations Council Meeting / 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. / Zoom

**Thursday, July 20**

Thursday Walking Group / 10:15 a.m. / Meadowbrook Park  
Many Paths / AA Secular Meeting / 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 21**

Older Men's Discussion Group / 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. / Contact Dave Sharpe at [dmsarpe13@gmail.com](mailto:dmsarpe13@gmail.com) to confirm meeting location

**Saturday, July 22**

Parent's Support Group / 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. / Zoom  
Weekly Outdoor Meditation / 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. / U of I Arboretum  
Compassionate Listening: What to Say When Words Aren't Enough / 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Library

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**UU Church of Urbana-Champaign**

Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice. Find peace.



***Kelly Skinner, Manager of Religious Exploration and Engagement***

***Jerry Carden, OWL Facilitator***

***Terri Fredrick, OWL Facilitator***

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***Paul Kaiser, OWL Facilitator***

***Aggie Rieger, OWL Facilitator***

***Martin Stock-Ward, OWL Facilitator***

***Michael Duling, Accompanist***

***Selena Gonzalez, AV Technician***

***Sunday, July 16, 2023***

**We are a Welcoming Congregation for the LGBTQIA+ Community**

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign**

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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The community risk level in Champaign County is **LOW**. That means mask use is based on personal preference and risk assessment. Eating or drinking are permitted in the building, including in-person Fellowship Hour. Read the [UUCUC COVID Safety Guidelines](https://tinyurl.com/yd2v9697) (tinyurl.com/yd2v9697) for more details.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Please stand if standing is comfortable for you

### **Ring the Bells**

**Prelude** “Reflection” by Alan Menken from *Mulan*

**Welcome** – Kelly Skinner

**Chalice Lighting** – Martin Stock-Ward  
From *Love Like Thunder: A Book of Meditations* by Jess Reynolds  
“A Prayer for my Queer and Trans Siblings” (See insert for words)  
(Though I would like to extend it’s message to all of you here today.)

**Time For All Ages** Modeling Consent & Greeting you Neighbor – Kim Kranich & Paul Kaiser  
(Kids and volunteers will be invited to go downstairs to Religious Exploration classes after the Time For All Ages)

**Reflection:** “Sacred Sexuality throughout Our Whole Lives” – Kelly Skinner

### **Intro to Joys and Sorrows**

**Blessing Song** “May the Longtime Sun” by Mike Heron

**Shared Joys & Sorrows** (send your joys and sorrows to [joysandsorrows@uucuc.org](mailto:joysandsorrows@uucuc.org))

**Guided Meditation** – Kelly Skinner

**What’s In the Box?** – Terri Fredrick

**Words Matter** – Jerry Carden & Aggie Rieger

**Hymn\*** #1019 Everything Possible

### **Community Matters**

**Offertory Music** “*Transparent* Theme” by Dustin O’Halloran

**Reflection** “Why Talking About Sexuality Matters” – Martin Stock-Ward & Kim Kranich

**Question Box** – Paul Kaiser

**Closing** – Kelly Skinner

**Chalice Extinguishing** – Martin Stock-Ward

**Postlude** “Changes” by David Bowie

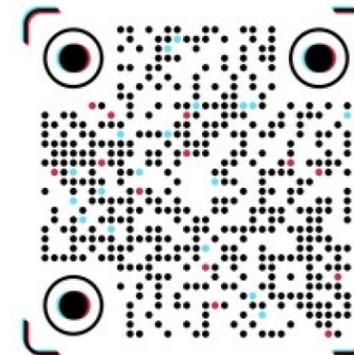
**Our Youth Need You!** We are looking for some new people to work with our amazing middle-school and high-school youth programs. This year we will be exploring world religions, encouraging youth to view themselves as agents of change as they develop qualities crucial to justice work, and having fun as we build relationships with each other.

**Do You Love Tabletop Games?:** REE is thinking about starting game nights at the church in the fall. There would be an opportunity to have a once-a-month game night for different ages -Family Game Night, Adults Only, and High School/Junior High Game Night. If this sounds like fun and you’d like to learn about hosting for one of these groups, get in touch with Kelly Skinner. We are also accepting donations of new or gently used cooperative games for our game library. Some examples of games: Castle Panic, Break the Safe, Sloth In a Hurry, CodeNames, Forbidden Desert, Forbidden Island, Magic Maze Kids, one night ultimate werewolf, Five-Minute Dungeon, Just One, Banagrams.

**Pick Up Your Volunteer Appreciation Mints:** Pick up your volunteer appreciation gift from the basket on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. They were distributed to our many volunteers during our June 18 worship service, Let’s Hear It For Our Volunteers! The mints are a token of appreciation for our volunteers involve-MINT and commit-MINT this past year.

**Gathering Outdoors During Fellowship Hour:** Snacks and beverages may be taken outdoors on our south lawn during fellowship hour after the service. You can socialize as long as you'd like, but we ask that you bring any dishes back inside by noon. Thank you!

**Follow Us On TikTok!** Super exciting news!! We now have a TikTok! Don't forget to follow us and look for videos from Rev. Sally, who is at General Assembly, later this week! Keep an eye out for our fun, entertaining, and educational videos in the future. Scan the QR code below, or search our username: @ouruucuc309



### **ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?**

Welcome! Please stay after the service for coffee and snacks. Visit the Welcome Table in the lobby for name tags and to fill out a visitor's card to join our mailing list. Visit the Connections Hub Table for more information about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, and to chat with welcoming members.

We're so pleased that you've visited us, and we hope you visit again soon.

