



Rejuvenation!

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Led by Carl Kennedy & 2U Musicians

*We seek to create a vibrant, inclusive faith community.
We envision a place of sanctuary and spiritual growth.
Together, we aspire to build a just and compassionate world.*



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Prelude *Arabesque No. 1* by Claude Debussy

Welcome & Announcements Barb Michael

Call to Worship Rev. Jason Lydon

Introit *Slow Down* by Heather Pierson & Bernice Martin

Chalice Lighting Escher

Opening Hymn* *#351 A Long, Long Way the Sea-Winds Blow*
by William Stanley Braithwaite & M.C.H. Davis

Words of Covenant* Rev. Jason Lydon

“We covenant to build a community that challenges us to grow and empowers us to honor the truth within ourselves. We will be generous with our gifts and honest in our communication, holding faithful to a love that embraces both diversity and conflict. Called by our living tradition, we will nurture spirituality within a vision of the eternal, living out our inner convictions through struggles for justice and acts of compassion.”

Response* *#123 Spirit of Life*

Spirit of life come unto me
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Time for All Ages Marsha Bailey Ashley

Invitation to Giving Rev. Jason Lydon

Offertory Words Rev. Jason Lydon

“This church is the community of ourselves. Its energy and resources are our energy and resources. Its wealth is what we share. As we contribute to the life of this community, we affirm it and enable its participation in the larger world around us.”

Offertory Improvisation

**Pastoral Prayer
& Meditation** Rev. Jason Lydon

**Candles of
Joys & Concerns** *Hard Times, Come Again No More*
by Stephen Foster

Music *Better's on Its Way* by Abigail Cline

Reading “Begin Your Journey Home”
by Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich

Music *The Road Home* by Stephen Paulus

Reflection Carl Kennedy

Music *Rejuvenation!* by Tobin Stokes

Closing Hymn* *#201 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*
Traditional African-American Spiritual

Benediction* Carl Kennedy

**Please rise in body or spirit*

A Warm Welcome

We welcome you! As Unitarian Universalists, we offer a spiritual home for people who seek liberal religion in a caring community. We seek to create a community of connection to deepen our spiritual lives and share in the work to transform the world. Whoever you are, however, you arrived here, you are welcome. We look forward to getting to know you. *–Rev. Jason Lydon*

Today's Worship Team

Our worship today is led by Director of Music, Carl Kennedy along with Rev. Jason Lydon as the Worship Associate. Music this morning is provided by Carl Kennedy and the 2U Choir and Band. 2U's tech team includes our Digital Media Producer, Joey LeBlanc along with Harris McKee, Dan Ashley, and Ricardo Rivera. We thank them all for their ongoing service.

New Visitors

We are delighted to welcome you to Second Unitarian Church of Chicago (2U), where we seek to create a vibrant, inclusive faith community. Finding a new community and making new connections can be challenging. Please know that we're excited to have you and look forward to getting to know you. If you're new to us today, please note that in the Zoom chat or mention it in person during Coffee Hour after the service.

Kids & Families

Our caring and qualified staff, along with dedicated volunteers, create a warm and nurturing environment for your infants and toddlers in the Green Caterpillar Room, just off the Palmer Room outside the sanctuary. Please check in at the Welcome Table, receive your child's name tag, and drop them off right before the service begins.

Accessibility

Earmuff-style noise canceling headphones for both adults and children are now available for use for services or events, as well as hearing assistance devices. Please see our tech team in the back of the Sanctuary for more info. Email AIM@secondunitarian.org if you or someone you know would benefit from a braille copy of the Singing the Living Tradition hymnal.

Today's Music Texts

***Slow Down* by Heather Pierson & Bernice Martin**

Slow down,
Recharge,
Take a breath,
And remember who you are.

***Better's On Its Way* by Abigail Cline**

Afraid to speak for what might come out
afraid to stop and then feel more doubt.
Oh got a rest to heal.
Oh gotta live to feel.

Gotta grow and not hide it away
I know that this is just today.
Deep down oh I know that better's on its way,
deep down oh I know better's on its way
on its way.

If I dig too deep, Will I like what I find.
If I leave it be, will I live my life blind.
Oh got a rest to heal.
Oh gotta live to feel.

Gotta grow and not hide it away
I know that this is just today.
Deep down oh I know that better's on its way,
deep down oh I know better's on its way
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The Road Home by Stephel Paulus

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost So long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong;
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

Rejuvenation by Tobin Stokes

I've been through everything and come out smiling
'cuz now my is thru – my rest is due and, oh, how I need – Rejuvenation

I've cried my final cry now I'll look to the sky
'cuz now my life's on track – the good is back
and, oh, how I need – Rejuvenation

What I've been through Oh, what I need – Rejuvenation

No more cares! No more fears!
No more worries! No more tears!
No more hurt! No more doubt!
No more achin' complication
just Rejuvenation

Collection Plate Share

May & June: Lighthouse Foundation



Lighthouse Foundation of Chicagoland is a Black LGBTQ+ led, multiracial social justice organization that advances justice for Black LGBTQ+ people across Chicagoland through empowerment, education, and entertainment. Learn more at lightfoundchi.org.

Text Giving: Text “Give” to 773-900-5669 to donate to our collection plate from your phone. When you text to this number for the first time, you will be prompted to enter your payment details.

Once you have given your information, simply text “Give,” and the dollar amount you wish to donate. *Please Note: this number is strictly for the collection plate and will not count toward your pledge.*

Web Giving: Pay one time or set up a recurring payment with your credit card or bank account by going to: bit.ly/2U-give-online.

Announcements

Finance Town Hall – TODAY

As the giving campaign concludes, our mission continues. The Finance Committee will unveil a draft budget for our congregation's review during the Budget Town Hall on Sunday, May 19th at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary and on our regular Sunday service Zoom link. This is your opportunity to gain valuable insights into the financial decisions shaping our congregation's future. It's a space to ask questions, delve into the rationale behind budgetary choices, and ensure that our spending reflects the core values.

Wise Older Women (WOW) Meeting – TODAY

Wise Older Women (WOW) actively supports and addresses the challenges associated with aging for women 60 and above. Our approach involves regular member check-ins and insightful presentations on topics relevant to older women. Join us for our upcoming meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 1pm via Zoom (bit.ly/2U-WOW). For more details, please email EileenMeyer@att.net.

Article II Zoom Event – May 22nd



On Wednesday, May 22nd, at 7pm, Heike, our ministerial intern, and Rev. Jason will lead a discussion over Zoom focused on the Article II changes to the UUA. This is the process that will see our principles and purposes transform into six values with love at the center. This is a big and long-time coming change to Unitarian Universalism. Come and learn more about what is possible with these changes and what the changes exactly are. Register at bit.ly/2U-Article-II or scan QR code to receive the Zoom link.

Change in Church Entry – May 26th

Starting Sunday, May 26th, we will be utilizing the west entrance door as our primary entry and exit in anticipation of upcoming construction. This adjustment is necessary to ensure the smooth continuation of our activities while necessary improvements are made to our facilities. We understand that changes like these can sometimes be inconvenient, but please rest assured that we are taking every measure to minimize disruptions.

Family Choir is Back – June 2nd

The 2U Family Choir will return to perform on Sunday, June 2nd for the Children's Service (more info on that below). All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to participate. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9am before the service on June 2nd, learn a couple of simple songs and perform in the service *that* day. This is a great opportunity to have fun with some great music and connect across generations through the power of singing. If you have questions, please reach out to Director of Music, Carl Kennedy at MusicDirector@secondunitarian.org.

Children's Sunday Service – June 2nd

Join us Sunday, June 2nd for a heartwarming service led by our talented children! Our Sunday service will be a testament to youthful creativity and spiritual energy as the children take the helm, curating songs, readings, and more. Experience the joy and inspiration as they share their unique perspectives and gifts with our community. Don't miss this special service filled with innocence, wonder, and the boundless spirit of youth. All are welcome to join us for this unforgettable experience!

UU Parents Book Club – June 2nd

Brittany Morse invites you to join a book discussion group focusing on “Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting” by Michelle Richards on Sunday, June 2nd at 12:15pm in the 2U Library. Although this is a book about parenting, all are welcome to join! If you plan to participate, please acquire a copy of the book, or let Brittany know if you would like assistance locating one. An RSVP to Brittany Morse at Brittany.Morse@gmail.com is helpful, but not required. Childcare will be provided.

Coming of Age Meet & Greet – June 9th

All 6th-9th graders, along with your wonderful parents or guardians, and esteemed COA leaders – mark your calendars for a fantastic Coming of Age Meet & Greet on Sunday, June 9th from 9:30-10:25am in the 2U Garden! This meet and greet promises to be a memorable occasion, filled with connection, camaraderie, and celebration as we embark on this significant journey together.

Movie with the Minister – June 29th

Attention movie lovers! You're invited to join us on Saturday, June 29th for a special Movie with the Minister event. Gather with us for a matinee screening at Regal City North Theater (2600 N Western Ave), where we'll be watching the much-anticipated "Inside Out 2" while enjoying an opportunity for inter-generational fun and fellowship during the summer months our kids are not in RE. Interested? Reach out to CarlaTebbe@yahoo.com to secure your spot and let's create unforgettable movie memories together!

Pride Parade Lemonade Stand – June 30th

Join us for a refreshing twist during this year's [Pride Parade](#) at our 2U Lemonade Stand hosted by the vibrant 2U kids and youth, under the guidance of Sue Dunmore! The excitement is brewing as our middle school students have already started crafting colorful posters this past Sunday. If your kid(s) would like to be part of this joyous celebration, please reach out to Sue Dunmore at jonsuedun@comcast.net.

Our Principles and Sources as UUs



We affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part;
8. 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.

The living traditions we share draw from many sources:

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Learn more about what Unitarian Universalists believe:
uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe

Our Symbols and History

Land Acknowledgement

2U resides on the traditional homelands of the Three Fires Confederacy: Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi. This region has long been a center for Indigenous people to gather, trade, and maintain kinship ties. Today, one of the largest urban American Indian communities in the United States resides in Chicago.

We acknowledge that settler colonialism is not just an event of the past but an ongoing reality that we commit to learn about and challenge. See Chi-Nations Youth Council or the American Indian Center of Chicago for more info.



Our Logo



We incorporate two powerful symbols into our identity: the flaming chalice emblem of Unitarian Universalism and the historic anvil once owned by our founding minister, Rev. Robert Collyer.

Rev. Collyer's journey from a humble blacksmith's apprentice in Yorkshire, England, to his pivotal role in our congregation is a testament to the rich tapestry of our history. In an era where most Unitarian preachers hailed from privileged backgrounds, Rev. Collyer's working-class roots resonated deeply with our early members. This connection led them to acquire his

cherished Yorkshire anvil, a poignant relic that endured the ravages of the Chicago fire, symbolizing resilience, and continuity.

During WWII, the Unitarian Service Committee adopted the flaming chalice as a beacon of hope and solidarity for those fleeing persecution. This symbol transcends religious boundaries, embodying the spirit of sharing and universal love. Its flame symbolizes not only power but also the resilience necessary to withstand adversity, offering solace in times of turmoil and strife.

Seymour Fleishman's original logo, updated by Ellen Rockett, captures the essence of our values. The chalice adorning our chancel was crafted by Libby Harvey-Hill. Lew Harding's skillful construction of the wood pedestal and anvil cabinet completes this tribute, showcasing the talents and dedication of our community.

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