

November Soul Matters Theme is Holding History



Photo by Shirley Adams

Stories of the Land, Stories of the People

Sunday, November 14 - 10:15 am

In-Person or Youtube Livestream

Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Worship Service.

If you are participating in-person, please refrain from singing. You may hum or mouth along with the words. If you are participating from home, please feel free to join in full-throated singing!

Raging whirlwind, whispered breezes, violent gale and gentle cloud.
With the blade as sharp as morning, East we ask you: be here now.

Brother Fire, great transformer, share the passion of the sun.
In our hearths, your warmth revives us, cooks our food and heats our homes.
Flaming candle, blood within us, blazing desert, will to grow.
With the wand, directing power, South we ask you: be here now.

Sister Water, ever flowing, ocean, river, pond and rain.
Drink we now and quench our thirsting, cleanse us, we begin again.
Mist and ice, a host of changes, all that courage will allow.
With the cup, the holy chalice, West we ask you: be here now.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer and Meditation

“Call from the Present” from
Call from the Past, Present, Future by Tania Márquez

The voices of our people call us now; the world harbors their joys and their sorrows.
We hear the cries of our people demanding justice. In that call we recognize the voices
of those who wander in the desert, the border-crossers, the navigators, the
justice-seekers, the dreamers, and the hopeful.

We weave our story to the story of our ancestors, right here, right now, we are in the
midst of responding to the call that comes from all the corners of this land...from the
south, the north, the east, and the west. We are called to sustain the work.

Sung Response

Heart Wide Open

Lea Morris

Offering

*We share our offering today with Renaissance Social Services, whose mission is changing the lives
of individuals and families in Chicago, giving them hope and vision for a new life.*

Offertory Music

Songs My Mother Taught Me by A. Dvorak

Gregory Shifrin, piano

Story for All Ages

A Stone Sat Still by Brendan Wenzel

Olivia Behr

Anthem

Return Again & The Earth, Water, Fire, Air

UCE Choir, vocals; Gregory Shifrin, piano; Vickie Hellyer, conductor

*Children are welcome at this time to head to their Faith Formation Activities
(Nursery - Room 11; PreK - Room 9; Grades 1st-6th - Room 3)*

Sermon *Stories of the Land, Stories of the People* Rev. Susan Frances

Musical Reflection *Change is Coming* by Molly Bajgot
Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Allison Halerz, Kari Gottfried, vocals; Kari Gottfried, guitar

Invitation to Kinship Time Rev. Susan Frances

Extinguishing the Chalice “Call from the Future” from
Call from the Past, Present, Future by Tania Márquez

The voices of those who will be, call us; a reminder of who we need to be.
In the weaving of our story to the web of life, we must remember that
we must not cut the strings, for there are others coming after us.

Others with tender hearts and strong wills, with creative determination;
Those who will live in the house of tomorrow.
Their vision escapes us. Yet, we are called to prepare the road,
To leave behind possibility, and foundations upon which they’ll build a better tomorrow.
We are called to create new opportunities.

Benediction Rev. Susan Frances

Faith Formation Hour: Reading & Reflection beginning at 11:35 am

- Storytelling Workshop - Room 3 & Zoom
- Drum Circle - Sanctuary
- Soul Collage - Room 5
- Nursery - Room 11

Today’s worship leaders: Rev. Susan Frances, *Assistant Minister for Congregational Life*; Ally Hunter, *Worship Associate*; Olivia Behr, *Storyteller*; Gregory Shifrin, *piano*; Adam Gough, *Congregational Life Assistant & A/V Tech*.

* Please rise in body or spirit. If participating from home, we invite you to sing along. If you are participating in-person, please hum or mouth the words.