

May Soul Matters Theme is Nurturing Beauty



## ***Owning Our History, Envisioning Our Future***

Sunday, May 22 - 10:15 am  
Sanctuary & Youtube Livestream

Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Sunday Service.  
Please feel free to participate in-person and join in singing while masked! If you are participating from home, please join in full-throated singing!

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## Ringling the Chime

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Opening Reading

*Surrender To This Life* by Rev. Gretchen Haley

#### Introit

*Breathe* by Christopher Watkins Lamb

### Land Acknowledgement

#### Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice, to honor the ancestors  
Who have forged a way for us to travel.  
We light this chalice, to embolden us  
As we strive to co-create a brighter future.  
We light this chalice with the hope  
That we may be made wise by what has come before,  
And that the past may inform, but not limit,  
What we imagine and bring into being.

#### \*Covenant

by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church,  
And service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

#### \*Greeting One Another

#### \*Hymn No. 1000

*Morning Has Come*

UCE Choir & Congregation; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Morning has come, arise  
and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a  
song of gladness!  
The light of hope here  
shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide  
our journey home.

A new day dawns, once  
more the gift is giv'n.  
Wonder fills this moment  
shared together.  
The light of peace here  
shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide  
our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that  
life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it  
among us.  
The light of love here shines  
upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide  
our journey home

**Time for All Ages**

“Prairie Tree” from *A Good Telling* by Kristin Maier (adapted)

Read by Ann Gadzikowski

**\*Hymn Response No. 1058**

*Be Ours a Religion*

UCE Choir & Congregation

Be ours a religion which like sunshine goes everywhere,  
its temple all space, its shrine the good heart,  
its creed all truth, its ritual works of love.

Gregory Shifrin, piano

**Joys and Sorrows**

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

**Prayer**

**\*Sung Response** Hymn No. 123 *Spirit of Life* UCE Choir & Congregation; Gregory Shifrin, piano

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.

*Children (Kindergarten to 6th grades) are invited to attend Head, Heart, and Hands in Room 6*

**Offertory**

*Today's offering will be shared with UU Prison Ministry of Illinois, or UUPMI, equipping UU's in Illinois to transform institutions and support people harmed by the prison industrial complex.*

**Offertory Music**

*Always in My Heart (Siempre en mi Corazon)* by Ernest Lecuona

Gregory Shifrin, piano

**Reading**

*Back to the Past* by Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

**Anthem**

*I Choose Love*; words by Lindy Thompson, music by Mark A. Miller  
(*Written for Emmanuel AME Church, Charleston, South Carolina, 2015*)

Jenn Wisegarver, solo; UCE Choir; Gregory Shifrin, piano; Vickie Hellyer, conductor

**Sermon**

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

Though the flame is extinguished  
We carry with us the warmth of community,  
The light of truth, and  
The fire of commitment,  
Until we are together again.

**\*Hymn No. 1074**

*Turn the World Around*

UCE Choir & Congregation; Gregory Shifrin, piano  
Alicia Hempfling and Jen Halman, percussion

We come from the fire, living in the fire, go back to the fire, turn the world around.  
We come from the water, living in the water, go back to the water, turn the world around.  
We come from the mountain, living on the mountain, go back to the mountain, turn the world around.

**Chorus:** Whoa, so is life! Ah, so is life! Whoa, so is life! Ah, so is life!

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are? See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are? (sung multiple times)

**Chorus:** Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, so is life! Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, so is life!

Water make the river, river wash the mountain, Fire make the sunlight, turn the world around.  
Heart is of the river, body is the mountain, Spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.  
We are of the spirit, truly of the spirit, Only can the spirit turn the world around!

**Chorus:** Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, (ha!) so is life! Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, (ha!) so is life!

**Benediction**

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

**Today's worship leaders:** Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister*; Joe Romeo, *Worship Associate*; Ann Gadzikowski, *Time for All Ages Reader*; UCE Choir & Congregation, *Music*; Jenn Wisegarver, *Solo*; Alicia Hempfling and Jen Halman, percussion; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; Vickie Hellyer, *Conductor*; Adam Gough, *A/V Technician*

\* Please rise in body or spirit. We invite you to sing along from home.

Please join us for Kinship time in the back of the sanctuary immediately following today's worship service. Faith Formation Hour this Sunday will begin at 11:35 am, so please join us for one of these all-ages activities:

- **Chair Yoga – Room 3 & Zoom.** [Join at https://zoom.us/j/96300528819?pwd=UDROeTI0UXRNcDdCWEhqc3dpVDNldz09](https://zoom.us/j/96300528819?pwd=UDROeTI0UXRNcDdCWEhqc3dpVDNldz09)
- **Prayer for UUs with Rev. Eileen Wiviott – Room 6 & Zoom.** [Join at https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99188486896?pwd=a2lPeTZFMjBrM05TeXErVnF4S09RQT09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99188486896?pwd=a2lPeTZFMjBrM05TeXErVnF4S09RQT09)
- **Nursery (ages 0-3) – Room 11**
- And from 1-4 pm today you can join the Harms Woods Outing. Please check the newsletter for more details.