

The Circle of Love

Sunday, July 3 - 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!*

Ringling the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Ellen McGoey

Opening Responsive Reading

"No One is Outside the Circle of Love"

by the Revs. Susan Frederick Gray and Erika Hewitt

Rev. Allison Farnum

Congregation: *"No one is outside the circle of love."*

Leader: We know that hurt moves through the world, perpetrated by action, inaction, and indifference. Our values call us to live in the reality of the heartbreak of our world, remembering that:

Congregation: *"No one is outside the circle of love."*

L: We who are Unitarian Universalists not only affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person; we also affirm the inherent wholeness of every being—despite apparent brokenness.

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L: We know that things break, or break down: promises, friendship, sobriety, hope, communication. This breaking happens because our human hearts and our very institutions are frail and imperfect. We make mistakes. Life is messy.

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L: With compassion as our guide, we seek the well-being of all people. We seek to dismantle systems of oppression that undermine our collective humanity. We believe that we're here to guide one another toward Love.

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L: No matter how fractured we are or once were, we can make whole people of ourselves. We are whole at our core, because of the great, unnameable, sometimes inconceivable Love in which we live.

Introit

Prelude op.11 #2 by Alexander Scriabin

Gregory Shifrin, piano

Land Acknowledgement

Mary Ellen McGoey

Chalice Lighting

by Deanna Vandiver

We light this chalice—symbol of our faith alive in this world—
naming our vision of collective liberation,
and daring to re-member each other into beloved community.

***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. 151**

I Wish I Knew How

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free.
I wish I could break all these chains holding me.
I wish I could say all the things I could say,
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.

I wish I could share all the love in my heart,
remove all the bars that still keep us apart.
I wish you could know what it means to be me,
then you'd see and agree everyone should be free.
Then you'd see, and agree everyone should be free.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give.
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.
I wish I could do all the things I can do,
though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea,
then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.

Time for All Ages

Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba, illustrated by Bria Royal

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Sung Response Hymn No. 1053

How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Allison Farnum

Prayer

Rev. Allison Farnum

Sung Response Hymn No. 155

Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Offertory

Today's offering will be shared with Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, which is dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline with a lifeline of innovative, holistic legal and social work programs.

Offertory Music

theme from *Summer of '42* by Michel Legrand

Gregory Shifrin, piano

Reflection

Being a Prison Pen Pal

Paul Safyan

Reading

Ghost by Lonnie Smith

Rev. Allison Farnum

Anthem

Poem (Dust in Sunlight) by Vincent Persichetti

Gregory Shifrin, piano

Sermon

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Extinguishing the Chalice

by The Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

Mary Ellen McGoey

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

***Hymn**

Keep on Moving Forward/Sigamos Adelante

Emma's Revolution

Benediction

Rev. Allison Farnum

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Allison Farnum, *Guest Preacher*; Paul Safyan, *Guest Speaker*; Mary Ellen McGoey, *Worship Associate*; Emma's Revolution, *Musical Performers*; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; Adam Gough, *AV Technician*.

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

Please join us in the back of the sanctuary after today's worship service for kinship time.