

Breaking The Rules

**Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 10:30 am
Sanctuary & YouTube Livestream**

Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Sunday Service

Ringing the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Julianna Liddell

Introit

Where Are The Grown-Ups by Shaina Taub
Kiley Korey, vocals; Kevin Barrow, clarinet; Ken Smith, piano

Land Acknowledgement

Lee Horn

We name these realities with honor for all the ancestors, respect for our descendants,
and gratitude for the land we use as sacred space.

Chalice Lighting

The Door Swung Wide by Rev. Scott Tayler

Lucas O'Reilly

*Bex Blackmore brought the flowers on behalf of the cross-generational learning we all are
gaining by this rad partnership of the Youth Group and Young Adults Group.*

We light this flame in a world where so much has grown dark.
May it remind us that sparks can always be struck,
and very little is inevitable.
Most of it is mystery and magnificent surprise.
Which means new and yet-to-be imagined worlds always await.
Which means a door has already swung wide,
with possibility waiting on the threshold ready to pull us through.

***Covenant**

by James Vila Blake

Henry Donoghue

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 in Gratitude**

***Hymn No. 1015** No. 298 Wake, Now, My Senses (1-5 vs)
Grey Wiviott and Lee Horn, hymn leaders; Ken Smith, piano

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call; feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow, giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new; join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time; suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry; voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend, praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide; join with all people whose rights are
denied; take not for granted a privileged place; God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear; brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share; work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

For these joys we give our thanks, for these sorrows we give our love.

Time for All Ages *May We Sleep Here Tonight?* by Tan Koide, Illustrated by Yasuko Koide

Narrated by Rai Johnson-Nicholson

Sung Response No. 413 *Go Now in Peace* Words & music: Natalie Sleeth
Congregation; Ken Smith, piano

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God* surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

*Spirit of Love

Reflections on Breaking the Rules

Hanna Borden-Stocks, Birdie Mae Dreznick,
Clementine Dreznick, Lee Horn, Julianna Liddell,
Lucas O'Reilly, Ned Parsons, Bex Blackmore

Hymn No. 118 *This Little Light of Mine* (new words written by youth) African American Spiritual
Hymn leader: Juliana Liddell

No matter how they try, I'm gonna speak my mind x3
Speak my mind, every time, every time.

No matter what they do; I'm gonna push on through x3
Push on through, we'll get through, we'll get through.

No matter what the rule, we're gonna do what's true x3
Do what's true, build anew, love shines through.

Offertory

Henry Donoghue and Lee Horn

Today's offering will be shared with Connections for the Homeless, one of our longest community partnerships. Connections serves as a safety net for neighbors who need support to maintain safe, stable housing in Evanston and northern Cook County.

Offertory Music *It's Possible (McElligot's Pool)*

Music by Stephen Flaherty; lyrics by Dr. Seuss and Lynn Ahrens
Julianna Liddell, vocals; Ken Smith, piano

Extinguishing the Chalice

by The Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

Rai Johnson-Nicholson

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 No. 6** *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Johann G. Ebeling
Grey Wiviott and Lee Horn, hymn leaders; Ken Smith, piano

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

Benediction

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister*;

Worship Leaders/Designers:

Youth: Hanna Borden-Stocks, Birdie Mae Dreznick, Clementine Dreznick, Henry Donoghue, Lee Horn, Sophia Kern, Lucas O'Reilly, Ned Parsons, Julianna Liddell

Young Adults: Julia Adams, Kevin Barrow, Bex Blackmore, Aidan Caravana, Rai Johnson-Nicholson, Kiley Korey, and Grey Wiviott;

Ken Smith, *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.