

# ***Constructing Curiosity: Faith Formation Sunday***

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 10:30 am**  
**Sanctuary & YouTube Livestream**

*Welcome to the Unitarian Church of Evanston's Sunday Service*

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## **Ringing the Chime**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Ally Hunter, Worship Associate

## **Introit No. 361**

*Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* words and music: Louise Ruspini  
Gregory Shifrin, piano

Enter, rejoice, and come in. (2x) Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song. (2x) Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts ev'ryone. (2x) Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change. (2x) Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Ally Hunter

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**

*Open to Unexpected Answers* By Julianne Lepp

*The Family Ministry Team brought the flowers in celebration of  
the community we continue to build.*

We seek our place in the world

and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth, of wisdom, and  
welcoming of multiple truths.

**\*Covenant**

by James Vila Blake

Kathy Underwood

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. 1020**      *Woyaya*      Words & music: Loughy Amoa, Solomon Amarfio,  
Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh;  
trans. from Ysaye M. Barnwell; Jeannie Gagné, arr.

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within. And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will. It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough, but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within. And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will. Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Yiyaya, Ya!

**Time for All Ages**

*Rebuilding Community*

Kathy Underwood

**Joys and Sorrows**

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

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

**Prayer**

**Sung Response No. 1007** *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*      Words and music: Rose Sanders

There's a river flowin' in my soul. There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody. There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart. There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody. There's a river flowin' in my heart.

**Offertory**

Ally Hunter

*Today's offering will be shared with The Children's Best Interest Project, whose mission is to assist parents with the dismissal or reduction of charges in minor criminal cases based and to educate Illinois families, organizations, and lawyers about the Children's Best Interest Act, which requires Illinois courts to consider children's needs when making sentencing decisions about their parents.*

**Offertory Music**

*Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel  
Taylor Hobart, harp

**Reading**

from Rev. Sara Goodman

Ally Hunter

**Anthem**

*Curiosity Song* by Blippi and Meekah  
Ally Hunter, vocals and banjo

Why do the stars shine up so high?  
Why do birds sing, and clouds drift by?  
I ask the world, it tells me why.

## CHORUS:

I love to ask (I love to ask)  
I love to know (I love to know)  
Curiosity helps me grow, oh oh oh oh oh-  
it helps me grow.

Why does the moon glow soft and round?  
How do trees grow up from the ground?  
I find the answers all around.

## CHORUS

What's under the sea? What's up in the sky?  
I'll keep on wondering until I find out why.

## CHORUS

**Reflection**

Kathy Underwood

**Extinguishing the Chalice** by The Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

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. #1017** *Building A New Way* (vss. 1, 2 & new) words & music: Martha Sandefer

We are building a new way (2x)  
We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day  
We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need (2x)  
We can feed our every need, start with love that is the seed,  
We can feed our every need.

Start with curiosity (2x)  
Start with curiosity and we'll build community  
Start with curiosity.

**Benediction**

Kathy Underwood

**Today's worship leaders:** Kathy Underwood, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*; Ally Hunter, *Worship Associate and Musician*; Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister*; Taylor Hobart, *Harp*; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; The Briody Family, *Hymn Leaders*; Adam Gough, *A/V 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.