

Transformative Curiosity

**Sunday, May 24, 2026 - 10:30 am
Sanctuary & YouTube Livestream**

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Evanston's Sunday Service

Ringling the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Annette Wallace, Worship Associate

Introit

Freedom Hymn by MILCK
Rev. Allison Farnum, Kiley Korey, and Grey Wiviott

Land Acknowledgement

Annette Wallace

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

by Alice Walker

Annette Wallace

*Sheila Holder brought the flowers in memory of her mother, Roberta,
who would have been 96 years old this week.*

Look closely at the present you are constructing:
it should look like the future you are dreaming.

***Covenant**

by James Vila Blake

Rev. Allison Farnum

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. 1013**

Open My Heart by Henry S. Flurry
Kiley Korey, hymn leader; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Open my heart to all that I seek;
Let me be part of the Love You give.

Time for All Ages

Noodlephant adapted from Jacob Kramer and K-Fai Steele

Kathy Underwood

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Allison Farnum

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

Prayer

Sung Response No. 413

Go Now in Peace Words & music: Natalie Sleeth
Kiley Korey, hymn leader; Gregory Shifrin, piano

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

*Spirit of Love

Offertory

Annette Wallace

Today's offering will be shared with *The Children's Best Interest Project*, whose mission is to assist parents with dismissal or reduction of charges in minor criminal cases 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

Poetic Tone-Picture op.3 #1 by Edvard Grieg
Gregory Shifrin, piano

Reflection

Blessed are the Curious

Monica Cosby

Reading

from Martha Graham

Annette Wallace

Anthem

Ombra mai fu by George Frideric Handel
Kiley Korey, mezzo soprano; Gregory Shifrin, piano

This piece was selected by Tom Hempfling, who was the high bidder in the UCE Auction to select a piece for Kiley Korey to sing.

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. 1018** *Come and Go With Me* African-American Spiritual
Kiley Korey, hymn leader; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.
Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

There'll be freedom in that land ...

There'll be justice in that land ...

There'll be singing in that land ...

Benediction

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Allison Farnum, *Director of UU Prison Ministry of IL*; Monica Cosby, *founder of Acting Outside*; Annette Wallace, *Worship Associate*; Kathy Underwood, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*; Kiley Korey, *Hymn Leader*; Grey Wiviott, *Vocalist*; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; 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. The UCE Prison Ministry Team will be available with Rev. Allison and Ms. Cosby for a meet and greet.