

Love Is...Mutual Flourishing

**Sunday, June 7, 2026 - 10:30 am
Sanctuary & YouTube Livestream**

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

Ringing the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Ellie Feddersen, Worship Associate

Introit

It Takes a Village by Joan Szymko
Charles M. Anderson and Chester Beck, solos; UCE Choir;
Nadav Simon, percussion; Vickie Hellyer, conductor

Land Acknowledgement

Ellie Feddersen

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

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

The members of Emma's Internship Committee brought the flowers in recognition of the sacred journey we have walked as a congregation with Emma.

As we light the flame of this chalice,
we bolster our united courage and
remember the awesome and transformative power
of love and justice, nurtured in community,
which will overcome everything that stands against
our collective liberation and mutual flourishing.

***Covenant**

by James Vila Blake

Dr. Emma Farrell

Love is the spirit of this congregation,
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. 354

We Laugh, We Cry (vs. 1,2, and 4)
Words & Music: Shelley Jackson Denhan
UCE Choir and Congregation; Gregory Shifrin, piano

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song. We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong. We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone. But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a need to be together. We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive; and we believe that sharing is an answer.

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow. We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow. We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild. We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a time to be together. And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth, and we believe that growing is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life. We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife. We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind. And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love, and we have found a joy being together. And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer.

Time for All Ages

Child Dedication

Rev. Eileen Wiviott and Dr. Emma Farrell

Hymn No. 408

Wonder of Wonders

(Sung to #38 Morning Has Broken)
Brian Wren, lyrics; Music: Gaelic melody
UCE Choir and congregation; Gregory Shifrin, piano

Wonder of wonders, life is beginning,
fragile as blossom, strong as the earth.
Shaped in a person, love has new meaning,
parents and people sing at their birth.

Now with rejoicing, make celebration;
joy full of promise, laughter through tears,
naming and blessing, bring dedication,
humble in purpose over the years.

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

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

Prayer

A Bouquet of People By Claire Feingold Thoryn

Sung Response No. 123

Spirit of Life Words & music: Carolyn McDade
UCE Choir and 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.

Offertory

Ellie Feddersen

Today's offering will be shared with *Deborah's Place*, which opens doors of opportunity for women that experience homelessness in Chicago through supportive services and permanent housing.

Offertory Music

D'un Vieux Jardin (From an Old Garden) by Lili Boulanger
Gregory Shifrin, Piano

Farewell to UUCE Ministerial Intern, Dr. Emma Farrell

Anthem *A Red, Red Rose* Robert Burns, poem; James Mulholland, music; Walter Rodby, Ed.
UCE Choir; Gregory Shifrin, piano; Vickie Hellyer, conductor

Reflection and Flower Communion**Extinguishing the Chalice**

by The Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

Ellie Feddersen

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.** *Life Calls Us On*
Words: Kendyl Gibbons; Music: Jason Shelton

Congregation, UCE Choir, Lively Spirit Dancers, Gregory Shifrin, piano; Vickie Hellyer, conductor

Here in rev'ence now we gather for the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another that we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise, kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, Hope calls us on.

Loyal guides in love and duty lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize; By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, Faith Calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour when the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on! Life calls us on. (repeat)

Benediction

Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Eileen Wiviott, *Senior Minister*; Ellie Feddersen, *Worship Associate*; Kathy Underwood, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*; Charles M. Anderson and Chester Beck, *soloists*; UUCE Choir; Gregory Shifrin, *Piano*; Nadav Simon, *percussion*; Vickie Hellyer, *Director of Music*; Lively Spirit Dancers; 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.