



Columbine UU Church

Order of Service

April 21, 2024

Threads that Connect, Stories that Inspire

Our Covenant

*We come together with open minds and open hearts
as we grow individually and support one another
on our spiritual journeys.*

*We respect diverse opinions and honor our differences
as we seek meaningful connections
through our shared values of acceptance and compassion.*

*This is our living covenant,
the path we walk together
with humility and with love.*

Growing a progressive spiritual community to build a just and loving world.

Minister: Rev. Jenny Amstutz
Faith Development: Lisken Hays
Music Director: Matthew Cox
Accompanist: Alec Porter

Worship Associate: Rocky Rhoads
Board Representative: Laura Mirabito
AV Artist: Dave Epps

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn #1021 "Lean on Me"

Speaking the Covenant

Lighting the Chalice

Sung Response #123 "Spirit of Life"

Time for All Ages *A Love Letter to Our Planet: Thank You, Earth*
by April Pulley Sayre

Singing the Children to Class

Pastoral Prayer of Joys and Sorrows

Reading

Special Music *We Are Blessed*
By Chris & Steve Sealy

Sermon *Threads that Connect, Stories that Inspire*
Rev. Jenny Amstutz

Hymn #184 "Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves"

Offering *Here Comes the Sun*

Connecting with our Community

Hymn #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Song #1048 "Ubi Caritas"

Announcements

Writing an Earth Day Love Letter to the Future

Writing the Letter

1. Pick a person, creature or place – a city or park or biome. It could even be yourself.
2. Imagine this recipient will receive the letter in 2050.
3. Write a letter – less than 300 words – that might include:
 - why you love them,
 - how you love them,
 - how you desire their full flourishing.
4. Keep your focus on feeling not thinking. A love letter isn't about policy decisions and temperature thresholds, it's about the embodied, felt, energized experience of being in your body in relationship with the world.
5. It's easy to get stuck in despair with the enormity of the problem and the uncertainty of the road ahead. This project intentionally steers away from fear and into love (hard though it may be!)

After the service

- Please put your name on an envelope and put your letter in the envelope and we will keep them for a future Earth Day service.
- If you type one at home, please email it to UU Ministry for Earth to collect them in an archive: kellydignan@uumfe.org

Inspiration for the Letters

- Thich Nhat Hahn's *Ten Love Letters to the Earth*
- You might imagine you are writing to a jilted lover, or courting a lover, sharing your deep affection and love. Consider "Psalm for the Wild Built" and how beautifully the author speaks to the experience of the city in the books.
- You could go so far as to make it a very sensual, passionate, love letter to a place or person in the future; a true letter of desire. Consider the richness of Song of Solomon's sensual imagery of physical embodiment in the world.

Passover Seder

We will be having a joint Seder this year on April 27th at 4pm with folks from Columbine UU, Holy Redeemer, and Lutheran Church of the Master (Rev. Alwen Bledsoe's church). Details and sign-ups are in the Columbine Connection.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Enjoy a no-host lunch with church folks. This group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Tuesday, April 23

11:30 am

at Jin's Asian Bistro

Coordinated by Richard & Cheryl



Connecting to Columbine

The next Connecting to Columbine class will be April 27th from 9:00 am - 12:30pm. To sign up, go to www.columbineuuchurch.org/connecting If you have questions, please contact Connecting@columbineUUchurch.org

This is the class you need if you are interested in becoming a member or learning about UU history, how the church works, etc. See you there!

Volunteer with Columbine

It takes a whole team of people to make our church work. All members are encouraged to volunteer throughout the church year and it is a very fun and rewarding way to give back to the community we all love.

- Unitarian Universalism is a religious movement that requires no creed or specific belief. We are united by our covenant to affirm and promote the 8 Principles.
- If you have a personal Joy or Sorrow to share, please write it in the book next to the chancel or send an email to minister@columbineuuchurch.org. You may also light a votive candle.
- Hymn lyrics will be projected.
- Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth.

Coming Up:

- April 21 Food for Thought, 8:30 am
Worship Service, 10:00 am
JUUstAct, 11:15 am
Chalice Circle, 4:00 pm
Craft Night, 6:30 pm
- April 22 Worship Team, 6:30 pm
- April 23 Out to Lunch, 11:30 am at Jin's
- April 24 Book Club, 7:30 pm
- April 25 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
- April 26 **Lesbian Visibility Day**
- April 27 Connecting Class, 9:00 am
Seder, 4:00 pm
- April 28 **Donate the Plate**
Worship Service, 10:00 am
Youth Group, 6:00 pm

Mission Statement

Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church provides a religious home where we can follow our own spiritual paths together. We seek to transform ourselves and the larger community by living lives of integrity, service and love.

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