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Sunday Morning Worship May 3, 2020 at 11:30am

This week's Sunday Worship can be viewed using this [link](#). Scroll to "Worship Service" and click on the link.



Upcoming "Church-Swap" An Announcement from Rev. Manish

Dear friends:

I am excited to announce a special opportunity that is planned for the month of May. In this rapidly re-tooled 'online only' era, we and other Unitarian Universalist congregations are encountering the reality that staff that work toward online Sunday service production are getting no time off, at all. Most of our UU communities, including ours, have not had paid staffing that is dedicated to video and digital content production, and as such, the folks that are supporting our UU communities in this digital era have been at work week after week for at least 5-6 weeks now, without any time off. This nonstop toll is also true for our UUAA musicians, whom we typically grant Sundays off on a rotating basis, but whom we have had to draw on consistently and heavily over the past month and a half as we have adapted.

In recognition of this shared problem, across many of our UU congregations, one of our sibling UU communities reached out and offered the opportunity of a 'church swap' in which their community, as a whole, attends our Sunday service on a given Sunday, and our community, as a whole, attends that community's Sunday service on a different given Sunday. This allows the teams involved in digital Sunday service production in each community to have a Sunday off in the month ahead. **I am particularly delighted to share that we'll be engaging in this 'church swap' with the community my colleague and brother, the Rev. Sam Teitel, serves: The First Unitarian Church of Memphis, TN (The Church**

of the River). Many of you might remember Rev. Sam from our Installation weekend, when he visited us in person and during which he led the Sunday morning service.

The community at Church of the River (COR) will be joining us this upcoming Sunday, May 3rd, and UUAA will join COR in their Sunday service on May 17th. **You will not need to do anything differently in order to participate.** Please continue using this link to access the services at 11:30 EDT on each Sunday: www.uuaa.org/service . On May 3rd that link will take you to our UUAA-led service, for which COR members will join us, and on May 17th the same link will automatically take you to the service that COR's team is leading, with us as guests. (Please note that the camera count will not reflect the total attendance on both Sundays, as we will stream in parallel. But, please know and trust that two communities are going to be together on each of those two Sundays.)

I want to personally thank our Board of Trustees for their valued support in ensuring we can grant our Sunday staff team a future Sunday off, and my brother, Rev. Sam, for reaching out and suggesting this mutually beneficial idea. I am delighted that our two communities can develop further relationship in this way.

Much love and appreciation,
Manish



Sunday Social Time

Sunday, May 3 Immediately After the Service

Join fellow congregants for a virtual Social Time via Zoom. Participants will be broken into small chat rooms. So grab a cup of coffee and click on this [Social Time Zoom link](#).

To view or listen to past Sunday Services, [click here](#).



If you would like to contribute to the Weekly Offering, [click here](#).



WE NEED YOUR HELP

For Flower Communion

Please take a picture of you and/or your family holding a flower and email

to sgd@uuaa.org.

PICTURES MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th TO BE INCLUDED.

Join us for Flower Communion on Sunday, May 10th.



To All the UUAA Essential Workers Out There, We Thank You!

[Click Here!](#)



Pastoral Care Call

Monday, May 4, 11:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, May 6, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Pastoral Care Call is hosted twice a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in need of additional support. On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, the pastoral care call conversation will be focused on the economic impact of COVID19- personal and community. The links are provided in the weekly Pastoral News or by request quiana@uuaa.org.



Meditation with Rev. Manish

Wednesday, May 5, 4:00pm-5:00pm

As we find ways to be in community without meeting in person, please join an online meditation session with Rev. Manish:

[Use this link and scroll to "Weekly Meditation with Rev. Manish."](#)

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?

- Watch *Introduction to Meditation* produced by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube Channel. **[Use this link.](#)** (Posted 4/9)



Friday Fun Night

Friday, May 8, 6:30pm-9:00pm

The Friday Fun Planning Team is working on a multigenerational evening of Zoom fun. There will be Pub Trivia for adults, a multigenerational dance party/wiggle room, and a movie for all ages. Watch upcoming E-News postings for the link to take part. Questions? Email fridayfunnight@uuaa.org.

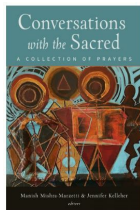


Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering Zoom Meetup

Thursdays, May 14 & 28, 6:30pm

We are creating community space to be heard, heal, and help each other. This inclusive BIPOC event will include a chalice lighting, reading, and space to dialogue. Families are encouraged to attend!

You must request the zoom link by emailing quiana@uuaa.org.



Conversations with the Sacred Book Launch Wednesday, May 20, 8:00pm-9:15pm

A Newly Released Book Edited by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti & Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

Join Rev. Manish for a discussion of *Conversations with the Sacred*.

"Bringing alive heartfelt words and artwork contributed by creators diverse in spiritual perspective and identity, **Conversations with the Sacred** is a moving testimony to the power of prayer. Prayers of love, lamentation, justice, inspiration, and transcendence -- all are here, thoughtfully selected by editors Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Rev. Jennifer Kelleher. Whatever your relationship to prayer, whether it comes naturally, you have a complicated history with it, or you have never prayed before, *Conversations with the Sacred* is a powerful and accessible resource for anyone looking to explore or deepen a spiritual practice of reflection or prayer."

See our website uuaa.org for the link to this event.



Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom Sunday, May 31, 11:30am

Save the date to attend this important Annual Congregational Meeting when we vote for new Board and Leadership Development team members, review the past year, and plan for the year ahead. To learn about the slate of candidates, [click here](#). Watch upcoming Thursday E-News and our website UUAA.ORG for more information.



Are You Interested in Being a Delegate?

General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists from around the world. This year's GA, which was scheduled to be held June 24-28 in

Providence, RI, will now be conducted online. Details are at <https://www.uua.org/ga>. This means that the cost of participating in GA is much less: a lower registration fee, no hotel costs, and no travel costs.

As with every GA, this year's GA will conduct the annual business of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and congregations are encouraged to identify members to serve as delegates. If you're interested in being a delegate, or if you just have questions about what it means to be a delegate to GA, please contact the Denominational Connections Team at denomination@uuaa.org by May 15.

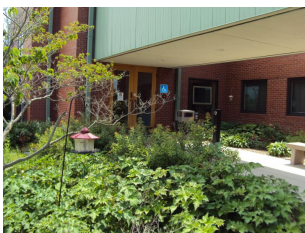


Habitat for Humanity Build is ON!

Habitat for Humanity is still planning to renovate houses this year, with a few differences:

- The build will be from **June 19 to Sept 26**
- People will need to bring their own lunch, water, mask, gloves, and eye protection
- Habitat has a list of approved COVID-19 safety measures
- Volunteers will follow social distancing

For more details, and links to support Habitat, go to www.uuaa.org/h4h.



UUA Covid-19 Advisory Team Request

In support of and in compliance with Gov. Whitmer's extended stay-at-home order through May 15 and recognizing that many of our congregants fall into the at-risk category, our building will remain closed to in-person gatherings. We ask that for the duration of the Governor's order that you refrain from visiting the UUA property.

To view the entire message from the UUA Covid-19 Advisory Team, [click here](#).



Final Delivery of UUA Cloth Masks

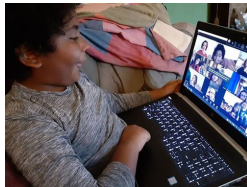
As of Thursday, April 30, there are a little over a dozen cloth masks for the taking in the UUA mask donation box, located near the main entrance to

the building. If you are in need of a cloth mask, now is the time to get one. We will be removing the donation box once it is empty. A huge thank-you goes out to our sewers Leah Korth, Judi Lintott, and Carol Acitelli, who have supplied congregants with dozens of masks over the past three weeks.



Connecting with Small Group Ministries Via Zoom

To connect with your UUAA small group such as Chalice Bells, Chalice Circle, Men's Circle, and more, go to the [UUAA calendar](#). You may need to contact the listed group leader to get the Zoom link.



Programming for Children & Youth

To learn about programming for children and youth, email SGD@uuaa.org.



Getting Started with Zoom

Use this [link for a quick tutorial to get started with Zoom](#).



Suspicious Emails

Please note that there have been a lot of email scams recently. If you receive a request for money or gift cards from a UUAA staff member or receive a request through a UUAA group email address, do not respond. Always check directly with a staff member using the contact information available in the UUAA Directory or listed on the UUAA website before providing any assistance.

Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#)

Other Links:

UUA.org | MidAmericaUUA.org
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)

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