



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, December 3, 2023

The Future of Religion: Harm, Humility, Dinosaurs, Pitbulls and the Confession of a Former Southern Baptist Being Taught by Fundamentalists

Service Leaders:

Rev. Keith Kron, Guest Minister

Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper, Interim Minister

Paula Gribble, DLRE

John Herrick, Director of Music

Love cannot fix everything, but it can keep us company. It can help us imagine ourselves through the perspective of others, the ones who won't give up, who whisper through the ages, let's see what a little love can do.

Jen Crow

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Minister

Opening Music

Wake, Now, My Senses

Traditional Irish Melody
arr. by Cindy Berry
John Herrick, piano

Opening Song

Building A New Way, v 1-3 [Teal #1017]

by Martha Sandefer

*We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.*

*We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.*

*We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Congregational Song

Now Let Us Sing [Gray #368] Anonymous

*Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.*

Sing to the power of the hope within...

Sing to the power of the love within...

Sing to the power of the joy within...

Sermon

Rev. Keith Kron

Musical Offering *Be Ours a Religion*

words by Theodore Parker
music by Thomas Benjamin
Adult Choir, John Herrick, director
Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Offering Words

*While the offering is collected, you are invited to come forward and
light a candle honoring a milestone, concern or celebration.*

Offering Music *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

African American Spiritual
arr. by Pepper Choplin

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Concerns of the Congregation

Meditation

Closing Song

This is My Song [Gray #159]

words by Lloyd Stone
music by Jean Sibelius

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

Closing Words

and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

Plenty Good Room

African American Spiritual
arr. by Lloyd Larson

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Announcements, Events, and Programming

- Please join us for coffee and conversation in Freeman Hall immediately following the service. Contact Kelly Greene if you would like to volunteer as a coffee server.
- Spread Holiday Cheer. After service on Sunday, December 3 and 10, in Freeman Hall, we will pen messages to incarcerated UUs to remind them they are worthy of love, respect and support.
- Plan to take part in the upcoming discussion of Article II on Sunday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary where we'll look at how the new language compares to the Principles language.
- Sign up in *Currents* for the 2023 UUCC Men's Holiday Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange on Monday, December 11 at 6:30. We'll enjoy some camaraderie, have a meal together, and exchange small gifts.
- When the Holidays Hurt, a special service on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. will honor the complexity of grief at the holidays.
- Save the Date! On Saturday, December 16, from 3-5 p.m., UUCC will have its Holiday Party. We'll gather in Freeman Hall for snacks, fun, singing, crafting, and more! This year's event will be for all ages.
- More information about UUCCs Holiday Events, including Christmas Eve, can be found in our *Currents* newsletter.



Read our Currents
Newsletter

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Welcome visitors! We're glad you found us and hope you will spend some time getting to know us better. If you want to learn more about the UUC, please visit our website and/or email Director of Member Relations Kelly Greene.

Where do the children go? See the bulletin board outside the religious education hallway in the vestibule for class/childcare locations.

In recognition that some people, both children and adults, listen better with busy hands, you will find an assortment of fidgets, activity packs, and coloring pages outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We are delighted to be building a truly multigenerational community, and we know this is a new experience for many.

Parents and caregivers, you are welcome to visit Freeman Hall or our alternative worship space in the Bernstein Room if your child needs a break, but you wish to still hear the service. If your child isn't able to be in worship for long at first, please keep trying as they grow! It is a blessing to have them here. Childcare is always available in the nursery during shared worship times.

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