



Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Community Sunday: Love

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister
Paula Gribble, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Scott Whitesell, Collaborative Pianist
Four Shillings Short, Guest Musicians

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, Interim Minister

Opening Chime

Opening Song

How Could Anyone? [Teal 1053]

by Libby Roderick
Scott Whitesell, piano

*How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

Chalice Lighting

Love is the Center and Foundation

by Shari Woodbury

Song of Intention

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

[Gray 34]

words by Hal H. Hopson

English Melody

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

Two Readings

Love Demands Courage

by Patty Willis

Love Can Keep Us Company

by Jen Crow

Paula Gribble, DLRE

Musical Offering

Miss Noble

by Turlough O'Callaghan

Christy Martin and Aodh Og O'Tuama

hammered dulcimer and recorder

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Offering Words

Offering Music

Raga Yaman Kalyan

Christy Martin and Aodh Og O'Tuama
sitar and drum

Invitation to Connect

- **Around the World in 30 Instruments**
Guest Musicians Four Shillings Short in Sanctuary
An instrument demonstration with instruments from around the world
- **Bridging the Gap**
Rita Heath-Singer and Lilly Hagen in Bernstein
A look at different generations and their interest
- **What Would You Do?**
Kelly Greene in Schweitzer/Priestley
Engaging with relational case studies from the Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop
- **Sharing the Love**
Paula Gribble in Freeman Hall
Join us in learning a story of Valentine's Day and making a take-away craft to share your love

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Closing Song

Love Will Guide Us [Gray 131]

words by Sally Rogers
Traditional Melody

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

*If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.*

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

Pass It On

by Christy Martin and Aodh Og O'Tuama
mandola and tinwhistle

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- Are you following along for our Sunday Schedule online? Easily access information about and links to our Sunday programming for children, youth, and adults, including classes, our Sunday service, and social opportunities in *Currents*.
- Saturday, February 24, from 1-4 p.m. in Freeman Hall. Games for all ages, free snacks, and tons of fun playing together!
- For the ongoing opportunities to discuss the changes to the UUA bylaws, known as “Article II,” we will have our next session on **March 3 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary**. We hope many of you will join us! This session will be centered around the proposed values and how they fit together.
- How to Have **Difficult Conversations** class is coming in March. Come to the **Bernstein Room** from 11:30 to 2:30 on **March 10** to learn how to make difficult conversations more effective and less painful.



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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.

We are delighted to be building a truly multigenerational community, and we know this is a new experience for many. Please be considerate of others in the Sanctuary. If your child needs a break but you wish to still hear the service, you are invited to visit our alternative worship space in the Bernstein Room. Additionally, childcare is always available in the nursery during shared worship times. If your child isn't able to be in the service for long, please keep trying as they grow! It is a blessing to have them here.

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