



Unitarian Universalist  
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, March 17, 2024

# Community Sunday- Mending

Service Leaders:

Bob Gorman, Lay Service Leader

Janan Jones, Lay Service Leader

John Herrick, Director of Music

Most of all, mending is a spiritual practice. Before any stitch is sewn or any patch prepared, I have to ask myself, “Is this thing in my hands worth repairing?” When I answer “yes, mending is an act of devotion.”

Laura Everett

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Bob Gorman, Lay Service Leader

### Opening Chime

### Opening Song

*Come, Come, Whoever You Are* [Gray 188]  
words by Rumi  
music by Lynn Adair Ungar

*Come, come, whoever you are,  
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair.  
Come, yet again come.*

### Chalice Lighting

by Anne Lamont  
Janan Jones, Lay Service Leader

### Song of Intention/Chorus *There is a Love*

words by Rebecca Parker  
by Elizabeth Norton

*There is a love holding me.  
There is a love holding all that I love.  
There is a love holding all.  
I rest in this love.*

*There is a love holding us.  
There is a love holding all that we love.  
There is a love holding all.  
We rest in this love.*

**Reading**                      from *Instructions in Joy*  
by Rev. Nancy Shaffer

**Musical Interlude**      *Breathe*                      by Louis Landon  
John Herrick, piano

**Concerns of the Congregation**

**Offering Words**

**Offering Music**              *Loreta and Desiree's Bouquet*  
by George Winston

## Invitation to Connect

Today's Community Sunday has 4 activities available

- Upcycle Crafts (w/Jr. Youth and Advisors) Freeman Hall
- Practicing Difficult Conversations (w/ Kelly) Bernstein Room
- Mending Workshop (w/Janan Jones) Channing/Thoreau
- Get to Know Your Covenant (w/ Rev. Lisa) on Zoom

**Closing Song**      *There's a River Flowin' in my Soul* [Teal 1007]  
by Rose Sanders

*There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.*

*There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.*

*There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.*

## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Announcements, Events, and Programming

- **New to UUCC Family-Friendly Edition!** Downstairs in the Conference Room, today after service on March 17, we invite newcomers to join us as we share the many ways for adults, children and youth to get engaged in our congregation. Childcare will be available.
- Please join us to continue with our new **Men's Potluck tradition on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Freeman Hall.** As always this will be open to men and masculine-identifying, non-binary, and LGBTQ+ peoples.
- The honor of your presence is requested for a **Re-Covenanting Ceremony on Sunday, March 24 during the service.**
- **Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know.** Two sessions remain open to all on March 25 and April 15 on Zoom, join Kelly Greene and Dave Warren for a discussion of the critical art of rethinking: learning to question your opinions and open other people's minds, which can position you for excellence at work and wisdom in life.
- **What About All These Pronouns? March 30 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** We will look at the various gender identities, expressions, pronouns, and the different types of sexual orientation. **Knowing the language is a great step toward compassion and respect for our gender-diverse and LGBTQ+ siblings.** Register in *Currents*.
- **The Board of Trustees (BOT) is proposing several amendments to our Bylaws,** with a particular focus on sections related to voting. The BOT will hold a **special congregational meeting** for this vote on **Sunday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**



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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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