

Sunday Services

Sunday, April 2 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Tightening the Weave of Community: Lead With Love – Melanie DeMoore

Singer, songwriter, composer, conductor and vocal activist Melanie DeMore uses the power of song as an agent of social and political change. She believes in the power of voices raised together, and we will do just that to heal our hearts and spirits in these troubled times. For as she says, “A song can hold you up when there seems no ground beneath you.”

DeMore is one of the most outstanding vocal artists of today helping to preserve African American folk tradition. A sought-after presenter, conductor and soloist, she is adjunct faculty at the California Institute for Integral Studies, Master Teaching Artist for CalPerformances at Berkeley and a featured presenter for SpeakOut! the Institute for Social and Cultural Change.

Sunday, April 9 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Disability as a Deep Desire and Spiritual Strength — Alex Bland

Unitarian Universalist moral principles call us to affirm and promote “the inherent worth and dignity of every person.” As this is true of all faith communities, the neurodiversity movement within the disability community reminds us that the uniqueness seen in every human brain is more like an ecosystem that should be nurtured and where many plants may sprout, than a piece of hardware in mortal danger of malfunction. As UUs, how can we counter oppression rooted in the ways we have been taught to encounter disability?

Sunday, April 16 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Resurrections We Have Known – Rev. Bryan Jessup

On this Easter Sunday, we will think about birth, death and the cycles of nature. We will look at the archetype of resurrection in human thought and ask what it might mean for us today.

April 23 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Standing Rock and Other Stories – David Feral

In this service we will honor the spiritual and ecological work done by the indigenous people of the Dakotas and their many supporters at Standing Rock. From their struggle we are reminded that “Water is Life.” We are reminded that we human beings did not create the web of life, but are just a small part of it. We are reminded that we have a great responsibility to live simply so that many other life forms and we ourselves can simply live.

Sunday, April 30 – 9 and 11 a.m.

R.E. Sunday – Jillian Mooney and the R.E. Crew

The theme for our Religious Education program this year has been “All of the Miracles of Life that Surround Us.” In this Sunday service we will hear from our children and youth and their teachers. We will share some of their wonder and a great deal of our gratitude for them and the work they do together. We will honor our teachers and volunteers and all who help create the program, including our director of Religious Education, Jillian Mooney, who is retiring at the end of this year.