

Sunday Services

February 3 – 10:30 a.m. Opening Up in Sweet Surrender to the Luminous Love Light Deep Within – Berti Welty

Imbolc, Candlemas, Ground Hog Day and St. Brigid's Day are just some of the festivals to celebrate the first faint stirrings of spring held in many lands and cultures. Throughout the stillness of winter the Earth replenishes the nutrients of plants. Animals bide their time, often with new life waiting to be born. So too do humans, in the depths of winter, turn inward, often receiving new insights and directions to their lives. These faint stirrings within our psyche may cause us to blossom forth in new and unexpected ways – ways that open us up to more fully embrace life. Sometimes we may feel that we are called to support a cause, try something new, or make a significant change in our lives. Sometimes we may hear the call, yet ignore the summons. In this service coordinated by HUUF member Berti Welty, we will explore through personal stories, song and poetry, what happens to those among us who have said “yes” to an inner call or yearning. The choir will also lead us in song.

February 10 – 10:30 a.m. I Love, Therefore I Am – Rev. Joy Atkinson

On this Valentine's Day service, the sermon will explore the history of this upcoming holiday for lovers. We will celebrate through poetry and song various facets and types of love in human experience.

February 17 – 10:30 a.m. Evolution Sunday: All That Has Given Us Birth – Rev. Joy Atkinson

Amazingly, there are still those who question the scientific theory of evolution on religious grounds. But to many modern scientists and theologians alike, science and religion are not enemies. Many religious organizations set aside a Sunday in February annually to celebrate Evolution Sunday as an answer to those who continue to denounce the theory. This service will celebrate the contributions of Charles Darwin, born 204 years ago on February 12, and will explore the interface of the scientific and religious world views

February 24 – 10:30 a.m. Peace in the Heart, Peace in the World – Rabbi Naomi Steinberg

How do we find inner harmony and nurture a harmonious society? How do we respond to both the needs of the heart and the needs of the world? Rabbi Naomi Steinberg will share original mystical tales and traditional Jewish teachings to help us envision and embody peace. A folksinger and storyteller, Rabbi Steinberg serves Temple Beth El in Eureka and B'nai Ha-Aretz (Children of the Earth) in Redway. She also is a lecturer in Religious Studies at Humboldt State University. She has lived in Carlotta for nearly 30 years and is a founding member of Friends of the Van Duzen. There will be a short discussion following the service.