

Sunday Worship

MAY 28-SEPT 3, SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE, 10AM ONLY

June 25, *Waking Up Alive*; Kirk Ridgeway; Tamara Range, Worship Associate. Life comes from darkness and returns to darkness. Each day we experience this circle as we wake in the morning and go to sleep at night. When we wake, are we really awake or do we only allow part of our self to be present as we journey through our days? What would it be like to wake up fully alive, fully present, endowed with gratitude, generosity, and belongingness...a state of grace? This service is an invitation to that aliveness, to stay vital and in love with life, no matter the hardships.

July 2, 10am only, *UU and the First Amendment—All Five Parts!* John Ashby; Ben Bazor, Worship Associate. Religious freedom: So important that—as soon as the founders finished the constitution—they immediately started on the Bill of Rights and today we look at the first amendment and what it means to Unitarian Universalism and beyond. And, what do the other four parts of the First Amendment have to do with Religious Freedom? What was Madison up to?

John & Barbara Ashby have attended UUCD for decades - Members since 1998. They have served in pretty much every way—in many cases more than once. For the past 4 years, John has attended Starr King School for the Ministry while working full time (as an Organic foods specialist). He is a “Candidate for the Ministry” and plans to complete his Master of Divinity in about 2 years.

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July 9, 10am only, *99 and Counting: The Worth and Dignity of Every Person*, Milt Hildebrand; Ben Bazor, Worship Associate. Virginia Thigpen, flute & Eldridge Moores, cello. Milt writes, “. . . next year I will be 100” Milt is a founding member of this congregation and his sermons draw on his life. This year, he writes, “In 1936, I went with my father to the Winter Olympics Games in Germany.” Come to hear the full story.

July 16, 10am only, *Choosing to Believe*; Rev. Ranwa Hammamy; Elli Norris, Worship Associate. People face choices every day: what to eat for breakfast; what team to support in the playoffs; using the last dollars to buy groceries or pay bills. Some choices are easier than others; some have overwhelming options. Some choices we move ourselves towards, others are unwelcome. How does choice factor into belief? What choices do we encounter in our faith? Drawing upon stories and concepts from the Islamic traditions, we explore the gifts and responsibilities that comes with the freedom to choose to believe.

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy serves as a Chaplain Resident at John Muir Health in Concord, and is an Affiliated Community Minister with the Mt. Diablo UU Church. Ranwa studied at Union Theological Seminary, where she focused on Interreligious Engagement. Ranwa serves on the Steering Committee for DRUUMM (Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries) and was a facilitator at the UUA’s Thrive Leadership School for youth and young adults of color. A self-described “UU-Muslim,” Ranwa hopes to serve both living traditions in her ministry. Ranwa is also a classically-trained vocalist, cat parent, and lover of children’s books.

Special Collection – UU Justice Ministry of CA advances justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles. Make checks out to UUCD, memo: UUJM.

July 23, 10am only, *Thought I Knew This Stuff!* Emily Burstein, Dawn Student, Jeannette Robertson, Barbara Clutter, Alex Lee-Jobe, Robin Dattel; Tamara Range, Worship Associate. Members of *Beloved Conversations*, a program about culture, race and ethnicity, offer reflections that have sustained them in this time of increased racial tension in our nation. Each person gained a different insight from their time together, and they realize that they are on a seeker’s journey to learn more.

July 30, 10am only, “Aha!” Rev. Morgan McLean; Elli Norris, Worship Associate. All of us have “aha! moments,” when something clicks. They take a different form for each of us, and at different points in our lives. Often these moments come from being part of a community. We reflect on these moments and how we can invite more such possibilities into our lives.

August 6, 10am only, *Pearls of Wisdom*; Rev. Beth Banks & Rev Morgan McLean. Three wise elders of our congregation will share pearls of wisdom with us. Come receive the wisdom that is the result of many years on this earth, and of an open mind and heart. A time of celebrating our elders will follow the service in the cool of the Social Hall.

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August 13, 10am only, *Safety In Our Midst*; Rev. Beth Banks; Guest: Melissa Castro-Pulido, Co-Chair of SPEAK; Stacie Frerichs, Worship Associate. Melissa Castro-Pulido, representing SPEAK—an organization which supports undocumented UCD students (recipient of UUCD’s Faithify crowdsourced funds)—tells stories from SPEAK members. We also explain the process of moving toward safe space for undocumented people in Yolo County. UUCD is a part of a network of faith communities considering the meaning of “Sanctuary” in 2017. Organizations in Woodland and Davis are exploring how to pool our resources.

Sanctuary & Our Congregation, 11am, Information session about Sanctuary and our congregation’s discernment. This is one of three meetings before a congregational meeting on October 29, when the congregation will be asked to make a commitment for their level of Sanctuary support. Meet the Sanctuary Discernment Team on page 4.

August 20, 10am only, *It Started In the Quiet of the Morning*; Rev. Beth Banks; Elli Norris, Worship Associate; introducing Dani Lindstrom, 2017-18 Intern & Campus Minister; Guest Musicians, Vocal Art Ensemble. What began as a best practices gesture of appreciation became a habit. Over decades, the habit became a spiritual practice, with unexpected consequences. *This sermon is the result of a challenge from a colleague to be vulnerable and reveal with this congregation, and colleagues, what has been a somewhat private practice.*

Reception to Welcome the Intern follows the service.

Special Collection: Cool Davis promotes energy and water conservation and sustainable lifestyle practices in Davis and the region. www.cooldavis.org Make checks out to UUCD, memo Cool.

August 27, 10am only, *From This Center, I Shape My Life*; Rev. Beth Banks, Dani Lindstrom. The Worship Associates present the service. *Returning Associates: Tamara Range, Elli Norris; New: Kasia Stepien, Lily Roberts, Autumn Labbé-Renault.*

September 3, 10am only, *To be announced.*

September 10: Return to TWO SERVICES 9:30 & 11:15am, (second service is All Ages), *Ingathering Water Communion*, Please bring water representing the place you found sustenance in the summer months. Every year we use this Sunday to pause and ask ourselves, “How have I changed?” We then take the water we’ve gathered and bless our thirsty grounds.
