

## Coming of Age Class of 2024

### Youth

Collin Larson  
Anya Robertson  
Kai Kesha  
Roman Malong Ruffi  
Ida Thoreen  
Elias Starke  
Dylan Bicklehall  
Niles Fast  
Loki Cledwyn  
Nazreh Coelho  
Violet McCarl  
Zack Smith  
Frank Bergen  
Maggie Hong  
Wells Darst Rice  
Jaeden McCarl

### Mentor

Bruce Black  
Libby Starling  
Nate Schultz  
Joel Krogstad  
Monica Digre  
Bob Lies  
Jane Baer  
Tony Borgerding  
finn schneider  
Kat Sherman  
Pam Sheen  
Taylor Burr  
Caswell Burr  
Eileen Galvin  
Nate Solas  
Erika Sanders

Coming of Age Facilitators: Stuart Alger, Claire Cooke, Kelley Loughrey, Tom Sherman  
Drew Danielson, Coordinator of Youth and Campus Ministries

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# Plunged into the Luminous Dark

Rev. KP Hong



Unity Church–Unitarian

Coming of Age Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

[Livestream](#) at 9:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Home by Phillip Phillips Youth Choir | Ross Johnson, guitar  
*Hold on to me as we go  
As we roll down this unfamiliar road  
And although this wave is stringing us along  
Just know you're not alone  
'Cause I'm gonna make this place your home  
Settle down, it'll all be clear  
Don't pay no mind to the demons  
They fill you with fear  
The trouble, it might drag you down  
If you get lost, you can always be found  
Just know you're not alone  
'Cause I'm gonna make this place your home*

PROCESSIONAL (11:15)

WELCOME Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

PEALING THE BELL

PRELUDE How Would It Be? Ellis Delaney

CALL TO WORSHIP Drew Danielson

KINDLING THE CHALICE FLAME  
We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith, the light of truth and the warmth of love.

\*HYMN The Fire of Commitment, #1028 teal hymnal

EMBRACING MEDITATION | PRAYER | SILENCE

REFLECTION | COLLAGE OF VOICES Drew Danielson | Coming of Age Facilitators

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Not Everyone Fits Ellis Delaney

READING The Night by Rainer Maria Rilke

SERMON Plunged into the Luminous Dark Rev. KP Hong

\*LITANY OF PASSAGE (11:15)

**Ministers:** We gather at the threshold, at the frontier across the generations, to acknowledge a dedicated and committed group of young people who are coming of age. They have shared a rich and full year, working, playing, and wondering together. They have wrestled with questions that have shaped religious thought through the ages. They were challenged to consider their deepest values, and to commit to live out those values every day.

**Coming of Age Class:** We are learning to know our hearts, and to live by those hearts.

**Parents:** We join you at the threshold and recognize this is a time for crossing over. We have loved you since before you were born. We have done the best we could. We know the time for letting go is coming.

**Coming of Age Class:** We know it will not be easy.

**COA Facilitators:** We know the years ahead of you will be a time of growth and challenge. Remember, the church is always at your side — a place to turn to when you doubt yourselves; a place to turn to when you seek support and love from your faith community.

**Coming of Age Class:** We give thanks for your friendship, support, teaching and inspiration.

**COA Mentors:** We want to remain your friends and mentors. When you feel weak, we have strength to lend. When you need us, we will listen, love and support your efforts to understand.

**Congregation:** We thank you for the many gifts you have brought us throughout your childhood. We are nourished by your truths. We acknowledge and welcome you this day as spiritual adults. We embrace you as we join together and strive to live out our faith in Beloved Community.

\*CLOSING HYMN Blue Boat Home, #1064 teal hymnal

\*BENEDICTION

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community and the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

POSTLUDE You Got This Ellis Delaney

Unity Church resides on the homelands of the Dakota Nation. We honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and their ongoing contributions to this region. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota Nation, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place.

The flowers in the Sanctuary celebrate the life of Marti Myers who died on March 21, 2024. Marti was the mother of Kelley Loughrey; grandma to Sam, Alex, Kyra, and Tori; and great grandma to Lola Belle.

Unity Church Chalice Camp provides a unique summer opportunity for children and youth (ages 5 through 12th grade) to deepen their connections to Unity Church, Unitarian Universalism, and the wider church community (as both campers and counselors). This summer's camp will include worship, small and large group activities, and time for outdoor fun and play. This collection will support scholarship opportunities for Unity Church families. Donate at [bit.ly/sundayoffering](https://bit.ly/sundayoffering)



There's just something about Ellis Delaney. She is at once funny and wise, thoughtful and uninhibited, and her captivating voice is matched by her uplifting lyrics. If you looked up the definition of open-hearted in the dictionary, you just might find her photo there. Ellis' performances are transformational; she leaves her audiences better than she finds them, with softened edges and opened hearts. [ellisdelaney.com](https://ellisdelaney.com)