

## Hope

*The life of a congregation is a rich community tapestry of people, programs, ministries, and worship. We lift up the patterns of this tapestry at Unity Church with the threads of monthly themes woven through our worship and programming. These themes deepen our understanding of our own faith and strengthen our bonds with one another in religious community.*

“Do not depend on the hope of results,” Thomas Merton said in his letter to a young activist who was suffering from despair.

Truth be told, whether in our work for social change or in our personal lives, most of us have pinned our hopes to results or particular outcomes at one point or another. But the times when we most need hope are often occasions when the expected outcomes are either bleak or unbearably uncertain. Perhaps we face a serious illness or an irretrievable loss. Perhaps we’re working to uproot an oppression established over centuries or seeking a reconciliation that is stubbornly resisted. In situations like these, any hope riding a horse named *Results* might not make it to the finish line. So, how — and where — do we find hope then?

“Hope is a state of mind, not of the world,” claimed Vaclav Havel. Writing from a Czechoslovakian prison cell, he said, “(T)he deepest and most important form of hope, the only one that can keep us above water and urge us to good works, and the only true source of the breathtaking dimension of the human spirit and its efforts, is something we get, as if from ‘elsewhere.’”

This hope that comes to us from “elsewhere” might be from another person, from nature or from our ultimate source of meaning or guidance, by whatever name we address it. It might come from our life’s work or our community. However we

find and name that “elsewhere,” the gift of true hope comes from turning our gaze toward a horizon wider than our own backyard. And whether our prisons are made of cement blocks, as Havel’s was, or with the less visible bars of alienation and isolation, of white supremacy or materialism, hope is about finding ourselves in a larger frame and awakening to what is beyond our personal periphery.

The poet philosopher Bayo Akomolafe warns that hope can “incarcerate” us as a colonial entity, or as “the territorial promise of unending continuity.” He proposes that we might instead call for the end of hope, or at least that form of it, by creating or welcoming ruptures in the way things are. By opening cracks that make room for something new. Because “when we get to the end of our hope in continuity,” he says, “there is promise there!”

Hope, it occurs to me, is not satisfied with the way things are but leans toward a new possibility not in evidence around us but one that can be glimpsed by imagination and faith. Hope is forward-leaning, says writer Julie Neraas, and “biblically speaking, is never equated with the status quo.” It takes full stock of where we are now and then casts our attention out beyond that. It lifts our eyes and beckons us to new horizons.

This is not the same as optimism, false or otherwise, but it is tied to survival. “(H)ope is no shining thing,” the poet Mark Doty tells us, recounting the story of his partner’s death from AIDS, “but a

kind of sustenance, plain as bread, the ordinary thing that feeds us.”

Hope is the leavened sustenance of our souls carrying us from one day to the next, no matter what comes our way. It is what remained at the bottom of Pandora’s Box after the chaos escaped into the world. It is what lifts our eyes from the prisons that separate us from one another toward a better, more equitable future.

“You start more and more,” Merton’s letter to the young activist continues (<https://bit.ly/mertonltr>), “to concentrate not on the results but on the value, the righteousness, the truth of the work itself.”

Such is the horizon of hope, where a new day is already dawning.

*By Karen Hering on behalf of this month's theme team: Tom Duke, KP Hong, and Laura Park (and adapted from an earlier commUNITY reflection by Karen Hering).*

### Hope Theme Resources

For further reflection on this theme, a variety of resources are listed in this month’s Chalice Circle packet available at [www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html) and by request from [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org).

# INTERIM REFLECTIONS / THE WHEEL OF LIFE



## Interim Reflections

“Hope is the thing with feathers/that perches in the soul.” Poet Emily Dickinson’s famous definition of hope has always fascinated me, perhaps because I once owned several birds and had dreams of building a backyard aviary. I loved playing with my birds, listening to one of them sing while he bobbed his head in time to the rhythm, watching their fascination with my son’s Legos scattered across the floor. Birds for me offer an intriguing paradox of strength

and fragility, capable of flying great distances and at impressive speeds, their tiny bones easily broken.

Hope perhaps is a similar paradox of strength and fragility. We carry hopes sometimes against great odds, with no visible evidence for holding onto them; we experience hopes dashed, sometimes by nothing more than a critical word, a rebuff when we needed encouragement. People are capable of being hopeful in extreme circumstances — and people die when hope is lost. Clearly we need hope to keep going. But where to find it, especially on days with dire news, bleak winter skies, endless tasks, and no promise of anything different on the horizon?

Dickinson believed hope lived within us always. That suggests my looking outside myself, for some sort of confirmation that I can be hopeful, is looking in the wrong direction. Hope within seems rooted in a kind of ground of being, the place inside us that abides no matter the external events, the place we may call soul, or divine within. And hope is not specific or particular, for that points to expectations, a very different matter than hope. Hope is a kind of openness to whatever comes, a trust that whatever comes will carry us towards goodness even when initially that seems far from possible.

Hope “sings the tune without the words/And never stops – at all.” Hope is singing inside us, this very moment. Just listen.

In faith, hope, and love,  
Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

## The Wheel of Life

*In Memoriam*

**Peg Fogelson**

May 22, 1927 – April 10, 2022

## Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, contact Martha Tilton at 651-228-1456 x105 or [martha@unityunitarian.org](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org).

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Look for information in the June newsletter about a church outing to a Saints baseball game!



## General Assembly • June 22-26 • Portland, OR



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. If you would like to attend General Assembly as a delegate from Unity Church, please contact Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org).

# SUNDAY SERVICES / OFFERING RECIPIENTS

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Join us in-person at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. for Sunday services and religious education for children and youth. Sunday, May 29, marks the shift to our summer service schedule with just one service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

## May 1: Arthur Foote Music Sunday

Livestream begins at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service has ended: <https://bit.ly/foote22>  
This year, our annual music Sunday is a reflection on the loss and change that we have experienced in the last two years, featuring performances of the Requiem by Gabriel Faure in the service at 9:00 a.m. and the Requiem by Maurice Durufle in the 11:00 a.m. service, performed by Unity's choirs with a chamber orchestra. Between the two services there will be a musical program featuring Unity's Women's Ensemble, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir.

## May 8: Do I Hear Your Mother Calling?

Livestream at 9:00 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/3JUe75SfEWo>  
One traditional role assigned to mothers has been that of teaching children how to hope (whereas father had the traditional role of grounding children firmly in reality). But is hope necessarily the opposite of reality? Is there more than one kind of hope (and which kind belongs to mothers)? Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, worship associate Merrill Aldrich, and Director of Music Ministries Ahmed Anzaldúa explore the multiple facets of hope and where our mothers figure into our learning about hope.

## May 15: Candidating Sunday

Livestream at 9:00 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/3KJDezY9Vzg>  
Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave and worship associate Richard Lau will lead this service. Watch for details.

## May 22: Candidating Sunday

Livestream at 9:00 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/C2RTuP02yL0>  
Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave and worship associate Jen Welsh will lead this service. Watch for details including information about the congregational vote to call Rev. Hannah as Unity's next senior minister that will take place following the 11:00 a.m. service on May 22.

## May 29: A Costly Peace

Livestream at 10:00 a.m.: [https://youtu.be/cYlljeU\\_wA](https://youtu.be/cYlljeU_wA)  
Our annual Memorial Day Sunday service reflects on the tensions of fighting and refusing to fight, on war and peace, and on the anguish this polarity has caused since the beginning of time.

*Looking for Flower Communion? Due to Candidating Week (May 15-22), this May ritual has been moved to Sunday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. Watch for details!*

Each week, seventy percent of our Sunday offering is given to a community non-profit and thirty percent supports the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church. Donations are gratefully accepted online at <https://bit.ly/sundayoffering>.

## May 1: Foote Music Sunday Fund

Arthur Foote was minister at Unity Church from 1945-1970. Upon his death in 1999, the Arthur Foote Music Fund was created as a permanent endowment to provide an annual music Sunday in his memory. This offering will augment the reserves in Unity's Arthur Foote Music Endowment.

## May 8: Doing Good Together

Doing Good Together empowers families to raise generous, engaged, civic-minded children by providing opportunities for them to practice kindness and serve others. Doing Good Together offers innovative activities, hands-on resources, and inspirational support guiding kids to think deeply about social issues like hunger, loneliness, inclusion, and racial equity. This collection will support marketing efforts to get the word out about its teaching materials and family services. Unity Church member Marty Rossman is an energetic promoter of Doing Good Together.

## May 15: Freedom School

Freedom School, held each summer in the Rondo Education complex, is a free, six-week program for students in grades K-8. Freedom School provides nutritious meals, addresses pandemic learning loss in reading and math, and connects learning through lessons in community and personal responsibility, music, field trips, and fun. This collection will buy materials for the summer 2022 program.

## May 22: Circle of Peace

Circle of Peace works with Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Team to promote racial healing through relationship building. It works to pull community members out of the school to prison pipeline through mentoring youth and their families while advocating for their collective well-being. The Circle has had over 500 Monday meetings and meals at Unity Church. This collection will support these weekly gatherings. Unity Church members Russel and Sarah Balenger are the co-founders of Circle of Peace.

## May 29: Habitat for Humanity Summer Build

For the past ten years Unity Church has joined with Faith Builders to staff two weeks of volunteer labor for home construction in the St. Paul area. Habitat for Humanity asks volunteer groups to contribute \$7,000 per week of work to help pay for supplies and professional labor. This collection will be consolidated with contributions from other Faith Builders churches to provide that contribution. Unity Church member Chuck Griggs is Unity's Faith Builders captain.

# MINISTERIAL SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

## Update from the Ministerial Search Team and Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave

*This is a letter from Rev. Hannah that was sent out via email in mid-April. We are including it in the newsletter again to make sure everyone has access to her communication to the congregation.*

*Also, be on the lookout for an email in the next couple of weeks outlining candidate week! Rev. Hannah will be joining us from May 15 through May 22. She will conduct services on May 15 and May 22. After the 11:00 a.m. service on May 22 there will be a congregational vote as to whether to call Rev. Hannah as our new senior minister. We are currently in the process of creating as many opportunities as we can for members of the congregation and Rev. Hannah to meet during that week and will provide more information as soon as we can.*

Dear Unity Church-Unitarian Members and Friends,

When the Ministerial Search Team asked me to become Unity Church-Unitarian's candidate for Senior Minister, I could feel the "yes" deep in my bones. It is an honor and privilege to be asked to serve a community with such rich history and bold dreams for the future. From liturgy to governance, from fundraising to prophetic witness, this congregation approaches ministry with a depth of intentionality and spiritual maturity that resonate deeply with my own dreams for what Unitarian Universalism might do and be in our world.



Getting to know Unity Church through the MST, your Executive Team, and the materials they assembled has been a process of joyful discovery! I cannot wait to meet the rest of the congregation, including the incredible staff team, to continue learning about who you are and exploring where this shared ministry will take us. I'm also looking forward to sharing more about myself during candidating week, but in the meantime you can learn a little bit more about me and listen to a couple sermons on my website at [uuministry.com/hannahvillnave](https://www.uuministry.com/hannahvillnave) or check out the video greeting and introduction from the Ministerial Search Team at <https://www.unityunitarian.org/meet-the-candidate>.

Even as we embark on this journey of new possibilities together, we do so holding the grief the community feels at the news of Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs's cancer diagnosis. This is a complex and transformative time for Unity Church, and I know we will find ways to hold life's possibilities and pain, our joy and our woe, woven together in our hearts.

Last week, I hiked to a hidden waterfall at Curt Gowdy State Park near our current home in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The cascading snow melt, imposing boulders, and soaring pines grounded me in the creative, all-embracing love that holds us together through the fullness of life's many turns. I took the opportunity to gather some water in hopes of sharing it at Unity Church this September for Merging of Waters — a manifestation of my yearning to bring all that I am to all that we will do together. I feel profoundly blessed to be asked to join your community as your minister.

In faith and gratitude,  
Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave

## Get to Know the Candidate

- Read the introduction of Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave from Unity's Ministerial Search Team: <https://www.unityunitarian.org/meet-the-candidate.html>
- Watch Rev. Hannah's introduction video: <https://youtu.be/V8OvO4fQ9H0>
- Visit Rev. Hannah's website to listen to sermons, podcasts, and other samples of her ministry: <https://www.uuministry.com/hannahvillnave/>



## Candidating Week

May 15-22, 2022

Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave will lead Sunday services on May 15 and 22.

Turn to page 8 for information about a Wellspring Wednesday dinner and event with Rev. Hannah, and watch for details about additional opportunities to connect.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, after the 11:00 a.m. service at which time the congregation will vote as to whether to call Rev. Hannah as our new senior minister.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES / HERITAGE SOCIETY



## Board of Trustees

**Jess Landgraf, Trustee**

I grew up on a farm, with hands plunged deep in soil, and I still garden. Consequently, this time of year, when frosts fully give up their grip on Minnesota, is full of hope for me. I get a jolt of energy with each blade of grass, the identifiable blush of early blooms, and the possibilities in each seed I plant. I am filled with hope. After feeling, noticing, and acknowledging this emotion, I pause with a question — for what do I become hopeful?

While I understand that emotions do not always require justification, here's some of the things for which I am hopeful this spring 2022. I am hopeful that this growing season will provide livelihoods for local farmers of all ethnicities, that they/we can learn more about adapting to raising food in a climate changed by humans. I am hopeful that warmer weather will make being outside more comfortable - for extended adventures, environmental action and stewardship, evening jaunts, or simply picnics as an excuse to gather. I am hopeful that the longer photoperiod of spring and early summer will allow our solar panels to generate more electricity, especially after a winter's expenditure of natural gas. I am hopeful that upcoming holidays provide opportunities to engage our families - chosen or by birth, across generations - around the issues most important to us, such as examining how we prop up white dominant culture, how we contribute to climate change, and how/where we could be listening.

This particular May brings another layer of hope for us, my fellow congregants of Unity Church. With the announcement of the candidate for settled minister, my phone exploded with hope — hope of being seen, hope of new direction, and hope that we will be led to support each other in fresh and exciting ways. Perhaps you have felt the edges of similar hopes upon reading or hearing the announcement of hope, or perhaps you've heard similar hopes expressed in conversations around the congregation.

We, the Board of Trustees of Unity Church-Unitarian, invite you to gather for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 22, after the 11:00 a.m. service — a gathering that will invite hope in. Come, witness to, and, if you are a pledging member, vote — we will hear each others' hopes out loud.

*Only voting members are allowed to cast votes during congregational meetings. If you are unsure of your membership status, or would like to become a voting member, please contact Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org).*

## Join the Heritage Society

*Leave a Legacy for Future Generations*

Have you made a legacy gift to Unity Church, or are you pondering the possibility? Legacy giving is an intentional act that leaves a lasting legacy in your name and sustains the powerful work of this church for generations to come. Over 200 people have made legacy gifts to our church, allowing us to grow our ministries, create innovative projects, strengthen our financial foundation and live out our values in the larger world.

Our annual Heritage Society Dinner on Friday evening, May 6, is the church's way of thanking those individuals who have made legacy gifts. We will be sharing a delicious meal and partaking in a program, "Creating Our Legacy: Stories from Unity's First 150 Years," presented by Kirsten Fischer on behalf of Unity's History Teaching Team.

If you have already made a legacy gift to Unity Church (but haven't told us!), if you are in the process of making a gift, or if you would like more information about legacy gift possibilities, please contact Barbara Hubbard at [barbara@unityunitarian.org](mailto:barbara@unityunitarian.org).

Join our Heritage Society!



*Who are these two and what is their legacy with Unity Church? Join Unity's Heritage Society, attend the event on May 6, and learn about their legacy and the legacy of other Unity Church members from our first 150 years.*

## Hey White People, We Have Work to Do! A Pilgrimage

Ray Wiedmeyer, Beloved Community Communications Team

Much was heavy on their hearts when Unity Church member Clover Earl and her longtime friend Danette McCarthy met for lunch after the murder of George Floyd and the uprising that followed. Danette's daughter lives not far from the George Floyd Global Memorial (<https://www.georgefloydglobalmemorial.org>), known as George Floyd Square, and she pondered the distance between the Square and the State Capitol, Minnesota History Center, and St Paul Cathedral. To confirm her inkling, she drove the distance and found it to be just about nine miles. Just a coincidence perhaps, but nine minutes was the amount of time that George Floyd was held under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer before he died. In Danette's words, "There are these structures, these symbols of power and history, mostly white, and they are nine miles away from the square."

Danette's career in pulling people together through the arts made her ponder what we needed to do to get "square" with our history in which government and church helped codify white supremacy. This led her to the idea of pilgrimage, the idea of walking from one place to the other; a practice she had never embarked upon before. Eventually she would take that walk, that personal pilgrimage of nine miles to see what it would offer. And in her chat with Clover that morning, the idea of personal pilgrimage began to germinate into something much more. Clover, who had been on Unity Church pilgrimages to Boston and Transylvania to learn of our Unitarian history, knew something of pilgrimage. She saw pilgrimage as a chance to move into a new experience with an open mind and an open heart to seek new understandings. In her words, "over time, we began to see our work together to find clarity and strength as our own pilgrimage of sorts and

that we might move that out into the world... and from there the idea of a white folk's pilgrimage grew."

They both know that white folks have work to do. But how to move from reading/talking about white privilege and antiracism to a place of deeper understanding? Perhaps a pilgrimage from the places of white comfort (the Capitol, Cathedral, History Center) to a place of Black resistance (George Floyd Square) would be a chance to dig a little deeper. The walk they imagine will give one the opportunity to reflect internally, to process with fellow walkers, and to think more deeply about our own actions for creating a more just world.



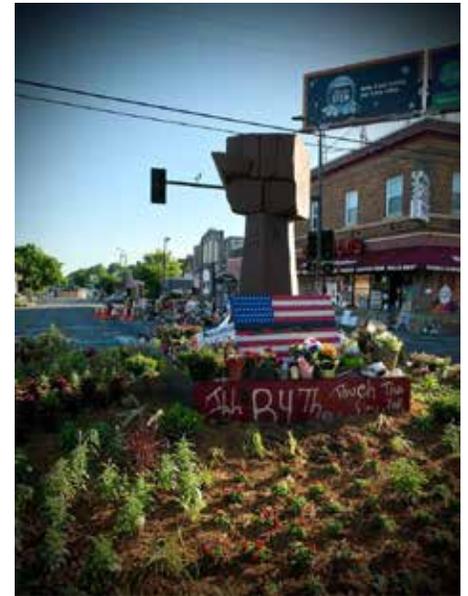
Clover and Danette now invite you to a shared pilgrimage called "Hey, White People: A Journey" (<http://www.heywhitepeople.org>) to walk the nine miles from the Minnesota Capitol to George Floyd Square on Saturday, May 21. There will be four stops on this pilgrimage: the Rondo Commemorative Plaza (<https://bit.ly/rondoplaza>), the Mississippi River, the Minneapolis Third Police Precinct, and George Floyd Square. In between there will be time to chat, or moments to just ponder the path we are on and the path we all want to create.

The walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 1:00 p.m. at George Floyd Square. Clover and Danette have asked the Protectors of the Square, a self-appointed safety/security group, how we might best respect the place that has become sacred space to so

many. The Protectors will be there to welcome walkers and may share some thoughts with the gathering.

All are welcome on this journey... this pilgrimage. For more details, please visit the Hey, White People, We Have Work to Do! website at [www.heywhitepeople.org](http://www.heywhitepeople.org).

A final thought in Danette's words, "This is part of our work to do in reckoning how to be part of change. It's one thing to say you want it... but for me feeling it in my bones and my body seems to be a critical part of making that commitment to live the way that I need to live to heal personally and to help others. I don't know that I have the words for it yet — maybe they will come."



George Floyd Memorial photo by G. Sankary.



# WELCOME NEWCOMERS / CONGREGATIONAL CARE



## Welcome Words

**Laura Park, Director of Membership and Hospitality**

In his wonderful book *Theory U: Leading from the Future as It Emerges*, organization development consultant Otto Scharmer encourages groups to cultivate three qualities to find the future intended for them and bring it to fruition: the open mind, the open heart, and the open will. I'm particularly taken with the quality of the open heart and its related requirement to suspend the voice of cynicism. This is the capacity I most associate with hope.

The open heart is vulnerable, and willing to risk. The open heart sets aside the emotional distancing from the voice of cynicism and asks the kind of authentic questions that put us in another's shoes, that give us empathy, that open "a 'crack' in the situation script, from the present moment, the now." It is in this open space of generative listening that we can find a deeper presence to the future that is waiting to find us.

If you're a newcomer to Unity Church, perhaps you know the hope for a transformative future that's born of the open heart. I'm here to help answer your questions about the pathways you might explore to keep your heart open, know the church better, and deepen your spiritual life. Contact me at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x110. I look forward to meeting you!

## Pathway to Membership Classes

Explore a deeper connection to Unity Church and the commitments and opportunities of membership. Contact Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x110 with questions or to participate.

**Finding Yourself at Unity • Sundays • 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

**Gannett Room in-person and online at [bit.ly/fyuonline](https://bit.ly/fyuonline)**

Finding Yourself at Unity includes eight classes that you can attend in any order to better understand how Unity Church supports our faith journeys, our work to build Beloved Community, and our efforts to bless the world. May offerings:

May 1: Q&A with the Minister

May 8: UU History

May 15: Building Tour

May 22: Membership 101

May 29: No class (Memorial Day weekend)

**Committing to Unity • Date TBD**

This session, for people ready to become members, explores the deeper meanings of membership and shared ministry. It offers time to reflect on the meaning of generosity and how you can discover the places in your life where the world's need meets the gifts and joy you have to offer. The class concludes with a ceremony as participants sign the membership book and officially join the church.

## Mentoring at Unity

Would you welcome having a guide to congregational life at Unity Church? Request a mentor! Your mentor will meet with you at least once a month face-to-face and be available for ongoing questions and advice. You can decide together what connection would be most helpful. You might attend Sunday services together or meet to discuss Unitarian Universalism and your spiritual journeys, or attend a church event together, or find another way to connect. Each pair makes a commitment to work together for at least six months. If you have questions, or would like to request a mentor, please email Laura Park, Director of Membership and Hospitality, [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org).

## Congregational Care

Do you have a concern or joy you wish to have shared in Sunday worship? Would you like to request a call from a minister or a Care Associate? Can the Helping Hands program support you with meals, rides or other assistance? Please let us know. Use the form online at [unityunitarian.org/congregational-care.html](https://unityunitarian.org/congregational-care.html) or contact Rev. Karen Hering at [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456, x109.

## Support Groups

Contact Rev. Karen Hering ([karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org)) if you would like to participate in one of these support groups co-facilitated by the Associate Minister and a Care Associate. Participants can come for a single session or return to the group as needed.

### *Families Living with Mental Health Challenges*

Support for those who have loved ones living with mental health challenges. Meets the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

### *Caregivers Group*

For those supporting others as part-time or full-time caregivers of loved ones. Meets the third Thursday of the month at noon.

### *Living With Grief Group*

A supportive space for people navigating the many stages of grief and loss. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## Helping Hands

The Helping Hands programs depend on church members to provide meals, rides, and other important practical assistance. Volunteers also bake and serve treats for memorial service receptions, and others knit comfort shawls that are given to people experiencing illness or loss. Email [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org) to indicate your interest.

# WELLSPRING WEDNESDAYS

Wellspring Wednesday gathers a multigenerational church community to nourish right and holy relationship among us and deepen our life of faith grounded in spiritual practice and antiracist multicultural work. The evening includes:

- Sharing meaningful time and nourishing food together (5:45 p.m.)
- Brief multigenerational worship in the Ames chapel (6:45 p.m.)
- Opportunities to play, learn, and practice with one another (7:00 p.m.)

The cost for dinner is \$8/adults, \$4/child (ages 5-12), \$2/child (ages 2-4), and \$20/family. If you need financial assistance to help cover the cost of dinner, please email Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org). If you plan to join us and need a special food preparation, please email [madeline@unityunitarian.org](mailto:madeline@unityunitarian.org). Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free options available.

Childcare is available from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the nursery.

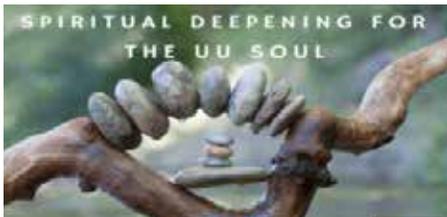
## May 4 • 7:00-8:30 PM

*Lasagna night! Garlic bread and fennel-apple-arugula salad*

### May the Fourth Be With You: Saving What We Love

In-Person (no registration required)  
Online via Zoom webinar, register here: <https://bit.ly/Maythe4UCU>

The *Star Wars* canon has had a global impact. The popular space opera has changed economies, revolutionized technology, and influenced culture in ways George Lucas probably never imagined. Why does *Star Wars* resonate with old and new fans alike? The saga showcases elements of truth — truth about the human experience, the cosmos, the character of a hero, and the nature of life itself. Join Rev. Shay MacKay to reflect on the true desires of our hearts and purposes for our lives through the lens of one of the greatest stories ever told.



### The UU Wellspring Experience

In-Person (no registration required)

UU Wellspring is a year-long program of spiritual deepening connected to the Six Sources of our living Unitarian Universalist faith tradition. Join Laura Park and experience the unique approach this curriculum takes and hear from former participants how it changed their lives. A new UU Wellspring series begins this fall.

## May 11 • 7:00-8:30 PM

*Brinner (breakfast for dinner)! French toast casserole, broccoli-cheddar egg bake, chicken or tofu sausage, mixed greens with vinaigrette, potatoes, and orange juice*

### A Spiritual Practice to Feed Your Soul: Lectio Divina

Online, register here: <https://bit.ly/Lectio21-22>

Following a centuries-old Benedictine spiritual practice of contemplative reading, meet online to share in Lectio Divina. In this invitation to receive the wisdom and gifts of poetry, each session engages the group in hearing a particular poem read aloud multiple times, listening for “what is found there.” Led by Shelley Butler, group members lift up what they heard and how the poem spoke to them. For those who love or are curious about poetry, this practice is a rich way to receive its gifts in a small group setting.

### Hope: An Orientation of the Heart • Open Page Writing Session

Online, register here: <https://bit.ly/OpenPageMay>

Vaclav Havel wrote, from prison, that hope is not dependent on the conditions around us, but rather “is an orientation of the heart; it transcends the world that is immediately experienced, and is anchored somewhere beyond its horizons.” What does it mean to orient our heart toward hope today? Join Rev. Karen Hering for an online guiding writing session on hope and hopelessness.

### UUs Role in Medical Aid in Dying Legislation

In-person (no registration required)

Did you know that Oregon’s 1977 Death with Dignity law, which allows terminally ill adults to hasten their death with physician-prescribed medication, was drafted in a dilapidated annex of the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon? Members of that church, and Unitarian Universalists all over the country, have played a pivotal role in supporting what is now called “Medical Aid in Dying.” Why? Because choice and autonomy over one’s life — and death — is central to UU principles. Join Rev. Harlan Limpert, UU Minister and former COO of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and learn why our First Principle, belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, fuels this movement.

## May 18 • 7:00-8:30 PM

*Picnic! Burgers and dogs (veg options, too), potato salad, fruit, brownies with chocolate frosting*

### Meet Our Candidate for Senior Minister

In-person • Livestream: <https://youtu.be/FKU5p7ZyKiQ>

(no registration required)

Join us for a question and answer forum with our candidate for settled Senior Minister, Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave.



*After May 18, Wellspring Wednesday takes a summer break. Watch for details!*



# CHALICE CAMP



**Week 1: July 11-15**  
**Week 2: July 18-22**



**Monday-Friday • 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

Chalice Camp is a unique and fun experience for children and youth ages five and up! It offers an opportunity for children to build deeper connections with each other, Unity Church, Unitarian Universalism, and the larger community, all while enjoying the best parts of summer camp! Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/chalicecamp>

**Early Bird: save on camp fees when you register your child by May 15!**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

## GOP Set to Punish Saint Paul Financially and Void Our Votes

### Affordable Housing Team

All three bills are in the MN Senate (authored by GOP):

SF 3994 prohibits the state from funding multifamily housing projects in St. Paul until August 2023, when a GOP report comes out on the impacts of rent stabilization. In our housing crisis, this is unconscionable. Without bonding dollars, developers like Beacon won't be able to build homes that serve those with the greatest need. (See Section 34; and Section 35 overturns the votes from Nov 2021 for rent stabilization.)

SF 3882 limits how much a city with rent stabilization can increase its operating levy in property taxes. It is retroactive to the 2021 election, so Saint Paul will be limited to a three percent maximum levy. It is unfair of the GOP (none of whom live in Saint Paul) to punish St. Paul voters retroactively and to tie a large levy funding source to a separate rent stabilization ordinance. This bill will punish any cities in the future who pursue rent stabilization.

SF3414 voids more than 100,000 certified votes from November 2021 in order to overturn rent stabilization ballot measures that won (in Saint Paul, and the charter amendment in Minneapolis). This anti-democratic bill has passed two Senate committees and is now in a Senate Omnibus bill. In addition to removing rent stabilization from Saint Paul, it also prohibits rent stabilization anywhere in Minnesota.

### What can we do?

Our Saint Paul legislators will never vote for these bills. But if you live outside of the Twin Cities, you should call or email your senator. The message is: regardless of how we may feel about rent stabilization, these anti-democratic bills should not move forward. And, this all makes for a great letter-to-the-editor if you're up for it.

## Gun Sense Outreach Ministry Team

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, in a town not far away, elementary age children were invited to bring to school their toy guns and trade them in... and they did. Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of toy guns. A local artist created, with paint and glue, a beautiful sculpture of a dove of peace. The sculpture was placed in a park, for all the town to see. We wonder how that may have changed the direction of a life.

The Gun Sense Team is committed to doing work to address the staggering amount of gun violence among us. Email Richard Birger, [rbirger@yahoo.com](mailto:rbirger@yahoo.com), a member of the Gun Sense Team, to ask questions, inquire about the work of the team, or to join the team's next meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## Obama School Spring Update

### Obama School Team

Our team of volunteers is currently involved in planning for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week at Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary School, May 2–6. Working closely with the Assistant Principal, we've settled on a theme (*We Think the World of You*), decided on decorations, created some small gifts for mailboxes, ordered empanadas for a special meal, and are hoping for good weather for an ice cream celebration after school on Friday. Almost twenty Unity Church members are involved! We are happy to do this for the teachers and staff who have worked so hard for the scholars this year!

Some of you may remember contributing to a Sunday offering that went to Walker West Music Academy, located just a few blocks from Unity Church on Selby Avenue. One of their teaching artists was the featured presenter for seven weeks of lessons on The Art of Hip Hop for fifth graders at Obama School. An enriching experience for all!

Looking ahead to next year: 2023 will be the 100th anniversary of the original school building that now houses Obama School. The school will be closing for renovation in June of 2023, and the staff has asked for our help in organizing the celebration of this special anniversary. We know there are some Unity Church families whose children attended the school back when it was named Webster Magnet School, and we hope to involve you in the celebration. Start looking for your old yearbooks and other memorabilia!

## Food Shelf Needs for May

Our donations to Hallie Q. Brown really went up for the month of March — we donated 230 pounds of food and supplies. Great job!

For the month of May, the food shelf needs:

salsa  
dry pinto beans  
dry black beans  
syrup  
pancake mix  
boxed macaroni and cheese  
canned sardines



**Bring an item every time you come to church!** Thank you for your ongoing support of our community!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

## Canopy Connectors

Act for the Earth Team



Unity's Canopy Connectors are eagerly anticipating the arrival of this year's trees! This subset of Unity's Act for the Earth Team seeks to increase the tree canopy in the Summit-University-Rondo neighborhoods. In 2021, our first year, we cultivated and planted 25 trees in a gravel bed we built outside the church. This year 75 bare-root fruit and shade trees will be planted!

These trees will be watered and nurtured over the summer, growing healthy root systems that will assure their successful transplantation. During the summer, we will reach out to property owners in the Summit-University-Rondo area and offer the trees, free, for adoption. Adopters will be able to order through the Canopy Connectors page on Unity's website.

Come fall, we will move the trees to their permanent homes. We welcome volunteers, especially those who want to help us get the word out during the summer and plant in the fall. Questions? Contact Lisa Burke at [misslisam@msn.com](mailto:misslisam@msn.com).

## What Do Your Investments Support?

An Educational Workshop

Act for the Earth Team

Tuesday, May 24 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Online • Register: <https://bit.ly/May24AfE>

If you have savings, a credit card, a pension or an IRA, your investments may be supporting causes you believe in — or not. Get tools and resources you need for keeping your investments in line with your values. Sponsored by Unity's Act for the Earth Team and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light.



## Hey White People, We Have Work to Do! A PILGRIMAGE



### Pilgrimage from the State Capitol to George Floyd Square

Saturday, May 21

Gather at the State Capitol at 8:00 a.m., plan to wrap up between noon and 1:00 p.m. See page 6 for more information about this event.

For additional information, visit [www.heywhitepeople.org](http://www.heywhitepeople.org).

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# LIBRARY-BOOKSTALL / FELLOWSHIP GROUPS



## Have You Been to the Bookstall Lately?

Shelley Butler, Library-Bookstall Team

If not, consider dropping by—the selection is amazing, as are the volunteers! Here are a few of the great new titles in stock:

### **The Quaking of America: An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nation's Upheaval and Racial Reckoning** by Resmaa Menakem (April 2022)

Local New York Times bestselling author, Resmaa Menakem, didn't expect this to be his follow-up to his widely received *My Grandmother's Hands*, but the imminent threat to overthrow American democracy led him to write a guide to embodied antiracism, or somatic abolitionism. This is not just a book you read, but a book you do and experience.

It's a step toward becoming right with building culture and racial reckoning. You might remember Resmaa from when he and Robin DiAngelo presented "Experiencing the Racial Body and Mind" at Unity Church in 2018.



### **The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcom X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation** by Anna Malaika Tubbs (paperback: December 2021)

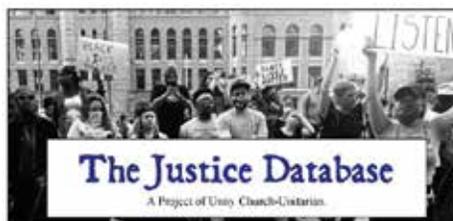
One of the most anticipated books of the year, and now a New York Times bestseller and on several best books lists, this is a little-told story of the women who raised three influential 20th century civil rights leaders, and of the greatness of Black mothers. As was written in the New Yorker, "Tubbs's book stands against the women's erasure, a monument to their historical importance."

### **Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone** by James Martin (February 2022)

UU's are often uncertain or even confused about prayer, but maybe this guide written for everyone from agnostic to Christian can help. Whether you are just trying to figure out what is prayer and where it might fit into your life, or you have been praying all your life, there are words of wisdom here on how to experiment with prayer to discover how it can best feed your soul. A New York Times bestselling Jesuit priest (how often does that happen?), Rev. Martin, has been compared to Henri Nouwen and C. S. Lewis.

### **In The Justice Database: Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF)**

Chris Stainbrook from the ILTF spoke at Wellspring in April about the amazing work the organization is doing to help people and nations legally recover and control their homelands. The ILTF also promotes economic opportunity, education, cultural awareness, and reforms of the legal process for Indian people. Learn more about it here: <https://bit.ly/JusticeData>.



## Fellowship Groups

For more conversation about getting connected, contact Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org).

**Afterthoughts** offers time immediately following the 9:00 service to discuss the service.

**Caregivers Group** meets on the third Thursday of the month.

**Evergreen Quilters:** This quilting group meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and fourth Saturday of the month.

**Families Living with Mental Health Challenges** meets the first Saturday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Five Animal Kung Fu** meets Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Living With Grief Group** meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Men's Breakfast Group** meets monthly on the first Saturday for breakfast from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

**Men's Coffee Group** meets every other Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for light-hearted conversation.

**Men's Conversation Group** meets Mondays, May 2, 16, and 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Men's Retirement Circle:** Monday, May 9 and 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**New Look at the Bible** meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Recovery from White Conditioning** meets Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Textile Arts Group** meets online the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring your knitting, embroidery, etc.

**Unity Book Club** meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. May 10 discussion: *Outlawed* by Anna North. June 14 discussion: *So Help Me God* by Forrest Church.

**Women In Retirement** meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## Sangha Practice

At the heart of Buddhist practice is the commitment to awaken — to step into our doubts and predicaments and hear the roaring of life at the still point of a turning universe. Through weekly practice of meditation, we discover a clarity of mind attentive and accountable to each moment of life's flow, and touch the mystery of our original face. This group is open to anyone interested, no experience necessary, and instructions will be provided. Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. Questions? Contact [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org).

## Centering Qigong

Tuesday, May 17 • Noon-1:00 p.m. • Foote Room  
Register: <https://bit.ly/ucmayqigong>



*Start your day in happiness and kindness and take time to stretch, meditate, move and even dance with the cranes.*

This in-person class includes Tai Ji, Qigong, meditation and poetry. The practice is a safe and gentle form of exercise for people of all ages. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and loose clothing if possible. A free will offering will be taken for teacher Lisa Schlingerman.

## Lectio Divina

Sunday, May 22 • 4:30 p.m. • Online  
Register: <https://bit.ly/LectioSun>

Following a centuries-old Benedictine spiritual practice of contemplative reading, meet online to share in Lectio Divina. In this invitation to receive the wisdom and gifts of poetry, each session engages the group in hearing a particular poem read aloud, listening for "what is found there." Led by Lisa Wersal, this practice is a rich way to receive the gifts of poetry in a small group setting. Drop-in attendance is welcome. Information about Wednesday's Lectio practice is available on page 8.

## May Parish Hall Artist

Gregg Rochester



Wisconsin artist Gregg Rochester had artistic interests since childhood, growing up with an artist mother and grandfather. Silversmithing, pottery, music, and writing were interests until 1989, when he pursued painting. In the meantime, he developed himself as an English teacher and later, a clinical psychologist.

His educational background included degrees from Dakota Wesleyan University and Indiana University. Additional art training included work at the University of Kansas, the Bellas Artes and Instituto Allende ( San Miguel de Allende, Mexico), and the Scottsdale Artist's School.

He has enjoyed representations in New York City; Scottsdale and Tucson, Arizona; Chicago; Colorado Springs; San Francisco; Minneapolis; St. Louis; Indianapolis; Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico. Rochester has been named as "featured artist" on a National Endowment for the arts website.

Articles and descriptions of his work have been issued in several national art and design periodicals, including *Art in America*, *Southwest Art*, *Phoenix Home and Gardens*, *Scottsdale Lifestyle*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *Wisconsin West Magazine*. His paintings can be found in institutional, corporate, and private collections world-wide, including many recognized hospitals and other healthcare settings. One of his paintings was chosen for public display in the Senator George McGovern Library and Center for Leadership. In 2012, he was named Wisconsin Artist of the Year by TOSCA (Theater, Opera, Shakespeare, Culture, and Arts Magazine, a Minneapolis arts publication). His original art has recently found its way to the covers of several books written by award winning authors, Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and Marie Schwan, CSJ. These books, guides for prayer, are based on Ignatian spirituality; the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola*. Rochester's art graces the covers of the highly acclaimed *Take and Receive Series* as well as the recently released *Loved and Loving; Contemplation to Attain God's Love*.

Rochester's contemplative work seeks to stir the natural spirituality and grace of the land and the animals closest to it. He seeks to express the comfort many feel as they gaze upon the countryside. One observer pointed out, "Gregg Rochester's work eases the eye, calms the chaos, and leads one to return to what they know is right within themselves and the land."

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Let's Go Wild

**Drew Danielson**  
**Coordinator of Youth and Campus Ministries**

As I write this the Minnesota Wild are playing great hockey and headed for the playoffs. The Timberwolves made the first round! Minnesota United soccer team has started winning and the Twins may be fielding an offensive juggernaut in 2022. It *could* happen — our sports teams could win it all!

Of course, this is Minnesota, and the state's sports fans know how it all inevitably will go. We will be teased by teams that show great promise, we fall in love, will get confident, and just as our hopes reach a crescendo it all falls apart with bad officiating, injuries, rotten luck and the manifestation of decades long curses!

I have heard the Minnesota sports fan described as the most pessimistic optimists in the world. We generally love and support our teams and see them as winners; we also have zero faith they will actually come through. I can identify with that. I'm equal parts hopeful and certain of failure, and honestly that's not just in sports. If you spend any time with me, you will hear me go from great optimism to abject pessimism with alarming speed over most subjects. I am both romantic and fatalistic. Drives my family, and me, crazy.

This is probably why I am drawn to working with youth. Overall, youth own hopefulness and possibility and optimism. Being hopeful is still OK! Yes I know that is a generalization belied by rising rates of depression and anxiety in the young, and not all kids experience blithely joyful lives, but more often than not they are willing to entertain hope, to expect joy, to think "hey this could be fun." And springtime leans us toward hope with a school year coming to a close, weather warming up, and the trees blooming. Coming of Age is done, and our youth have stood up and told us what they believe, giving us a whole spectrum of viewpoints that somehow all feel hopeful for our future. The Seniors in Tower Club have mostly all decided on the next steps they will take after graduation and they feel their whole lives out in front of them. They are wearing bright clothes and hugging their friends and allowing themselves to feel nostalgic even as they can't wait to burst out of their present and live the future.

If any of them were to read that last paragraph I bet they'd make fun of me. They'd call me a ridiculous Pollyanna. And yet I know they have a well of hope in their hearts. I want to tap into it, which is why I keep doing this. And I think it fitting for Unitarian Universalists to acknowledge we are driven by hope, that our faith is hopeful. We might not always identify it as such — the concerns and fears we name and abhor, the realities of this world that we feel and our desire to reject easy answers — can make us seem to be a pretty pessimistic and joyless lot. But if that's all we are, if it stops there, why do we come together in this place?

We do come to commiserate, certainly; we are drawn together as we face grief and fear, as we conclude that much is broken and we aren't sure what to do about it. But I think it is our optimism that truly draws us in. We do believe in hope. We believe the work to foster and build hope is holy work we can commit to.

So we say, "Let's go Wild! Come on Twins!" And if it doesn't work out, there's always next year.

## Summer in the Garden

Please watch for information about Unity's Summer in the Garden program that will begin Sunday, May 29, during our 10:00 a.m. service! Typically for children ages 4-13 but the whole family is welcome to come out and help.



## Religious Education Enrollment for 2022-23

Religious Education Enrollment for 2022-23 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 7:15-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 30, 1:00-2:15 p.m.

For anyone unable to attend these sessions, please contact Michelle Mecey for future opportunities: [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org).



# MUSIC MINISTRY



## Music Notes

**Ahmed Anzaldúa, Director of Music Ministries**

This year's Arthur Foote Music Sunday will feature the Requiem Masses by French composers Gabriel Fauré and Maurice Duruflé. The scores for both of these pieces have been sitting on my desk since early 2020, the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the year 2020 progressed, with all of its ups and downs, this music became a welcome refuge. This music became even more of a refuge in 2021, a year in which we also saw a record number of memorial services at Unity Church — in a typical year for a congregation of our size my duties as Director of Music Ministries would include one or two memorials per month, a duty that I find especially difficult both logistically and emotionally. In the stretch between August and December of 2021, it was not uncommon for us to have two or even three memorial services each week!

The Requiem Mass, or the Mass of the dead, is a musical setting of the Catholic rites for the remembrance of the deceased. It features religious themes of salvation and judgment and visions of the afterlife, a plea to God for the repose of the soul. However, it is more than just a Christian religious service: the Requiem ritual is about processing grief, of trying to make sense of our own impermanence and vulnerability. There are parallels between the progression of the movements of the Requiem Mass and the stages of grief, the ritual is meant to be transformative. Composers throughout history have used the form of the Requiem to express their deepest ideas, to explore humanity's largest questions, to confront and process the events in their own lives that defy explanation in mere words.

There are many parallels in the two requiems featured in this year's service. Both are especially gentle and comforting, managing to make room for anger and sadness without centering these emotions. They both boldly omit the Dies Irae ("Day of Wrath") sequence of the Requiem Mass, a section of the ritual that composers have often relished for the possibilities to convey bombastic apocalyptic imagery of fire and fury. They both end with two movements that are not part of the Requiem Mass but of the burial rites, arriving at a place of closure, of acceptance and renewed hope. They both eschew the conventions of Germanic Romanticism, with its heroic supermen and inflamed passions, instead using a simple, timeless language that is straightforward and stripped down.

I believe that we still haven't realized the extent of everything we have lost in the last two years, and it is easy to become overwhelmed by the enormity of it all. Studying, imagining, and playing these two works has brought me great comfort. I am often at a loss for words as we have returned to in-person gatherings and as we try to process everything we have been through. Thankfully, music speaks where words fail.

## Arthur Foote Music Sunday

Sunday, May 1 • 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary at Unity Church and via livestream

## Border CrossSing May Events

**Mother's Day Community Sing**  
Saturday, May 7 • 1:00 p.m.  
Walker Community United  
Methodist Church, Minneapolis  
Join Border CrossSing, Mariachi  
Son de Morelos, and the students  
enrolled in our weekly guitar  
workshops for a sing-along  
dedicated to mothers everywhere.

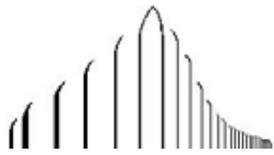
**Album Release Concert**  
Saturday, May 21 • 7:00 p.m.  
Unity Church - Unitarian  
Join us for a celebration concert  
of our newly released album  
"Un milagro de fe - A Miracle of  
Faith." There will be an outdoor  
celebration with food trucks and  
music after the concert.  
Details at [bordercrossingmn.org](http://bordercrossingmn.org).

**BORDER  
CROSSING**

## Hymn Sings on Zoom

May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

These are Zoom conversations about the hymns in our hymnal Singing the Living Tradition. We sing each hymn and discuss its history, poetry, music, and theology. We started with hymn #1 last year, and now we are more than a hundred hymns in! Anyone can join at any time. These sessions are open to everyone, including family and friends, and will continue to be offered an alternative to singing in-person for those that are unvaccinated or not ready to sing in person yet. Interested? Please email [ahmed@unityunitarian.org](mailto:ahmed@unityunitarian.org).



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## Arthur Foote Music Sunday

### May 1, 2022

9:00 AM • Requiem by Gabriel Faure

11:00 AM • Requiem by Maurice Durufle

In-person in the Sanctuary at Unity Church and via livestream.  
The livestream will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will continue  
until the 11:00 a.m. service has ended: <https://bit.ly/foote22>

Unity Choir • Unity Singers • Women's Ensemble  
Youth Choir • Children's Choir  
Chamber Orchestra

*Read about Arthur Foote Music Sunday on page 15.*

### Meet the Candidate for Unity's Senior Minister

*Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave*



Turn to page 4 for a letter from  
Rev. Hannah and a note from the  
Ministerial Search Team.

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