

Order of Service - September 24, 2023
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
“Sacred Cinema: Real Women Have Curves”

Rev. Matthew McHale, Minister Julie Borden, Worship Associate
Kevin Mathie, Music Director Eloise Porter, Choir Director

Call to Worship words of Sean Neil-Barron **Rev. Matthew**

Opening Hymn **“This Little Light of Mine”** #118 (gray)

Chalice Lighting words of Gretchen Haley

Covenant

*Love is the doctrine of this church
The quest for truth is its sacrament
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve humanity in fellowship
Thus do we covenant.*

*La doctrina de esta iglesia es el amor
La búsqueda de la verdad es su sacramento
Y el servicio es su oración.
Vivir juntos en paz
Buscar el conocimiento en libertad
Servir a la humanidad en comunión
Este es nuestro pacto*

Welcome **Julie Borden**

Story for All Ages “I Like Myself” by Karen Beaumont

Unitarian Universalist Affirmation

We are Unitarian Universalists: A people of open minds, loving hearts and welcoming hands.

Sharing the Plate: Communities for a Better Environment

As part of our commitment to serve our community, we share half our offering with local organizations whose work furthers our mission.

Congregational Response

From you I receive, to you I give, Together we share, and from this we live.

Embracing Meditation

Meditation/Prayer

Reflection **Julie Borden**

Choir Anthem “True Colors” by Cyndi Lauper

Reading “Why the Body?” from *The Body is Not an Apology* by Sonya Renee Taylor

Hymn **“How Could Anyone”** #1053 (teal)

Sermon **Rev. Matthew**

Song “I Am Enough” by Heather Mae (video)

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

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What's Happening this Week!

Sunday, September 24th - 10:30 AM
Church Service (Sanctuary/[Zoom1](#))

Tuesday, September 26th - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Gardening with Rev Matthew - (Church Grounds)

Tuesday, September 26th - 7:00 PM
Emerson Book Group - ([Zoom2](#))

Tuesday, September 26th - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Improv for Your Soul - (Sanctuary)

Friday 9/29 - Sunday 10/1
Weekend Retreat at Camp de Benneville Pines

For more info check the website or eblast

Announcements

Next Sunday: "Ecotones"

Guest Speaker Michael Eselun and Linda Fitzgerald,
Worship Associate

Michael Eselun, UCLA oncology chaplain and popular guest speaker, will explore those liminal spaces in which we sometimes find ourselves on life's mysterious journey--- thresholds that are neither one reality or another, and yet may open a path to our deepest truths. Possibly even the sacred.

Michael Eselun, serves as the chaplain for the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology. Two-time TED-X speaker, Michael speaks extensively to healthcare professionals, patient populations, and faith communities across the country. Long serving as adjunct faculty at the Wiesenthal Center/Museum of Tolerance, he's also worked as an activist/educator addressing anti-LGBTQ bias in the larger community for well over 30 years. Michael was recently inducted into the UCLA-Semel Institute Eudaimonia Society, in recognition of having lived a meaning-driven life. He has 4 volumes of CD's available for purchase—contact Michael through his website--www.michaeleselun.com

Breeze Donation QR Code



Ongoing Clubs and Activities

Environmental Justice Ministry
Second Sundays - 12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Inquirers – for the Curious Newcomer
Second Sundays - 12:00 PM (Ministers Office/Zoom 1)

Racial Justice Task Force
First Mondays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

Exploratory Pagan Group
First & Third Tuesdays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

First Sunday Potluck
First Sundays - After the Service (Pavilion)

Gardening with Rev. Matthew
Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM weather permitting (Grounds)

Mostly Veggie Lunch Club!
First Wednesdays - 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM (Offsite)

Emerson Book Group
Fourth Tuesdays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

Improv for Your Soul
Every Tuesday - 7:30 - 8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Sacred Cinema
Fourth Fridays - Doors - 7 PM / Film 7:15 PM (Sanctuary)

Board of Trustees Meeting
Second Mondays - 7:30 PM (Zoom 1)

September Share the Plate Recipient: Haven Hills

Since 1977 Haven Hills has lifted up survivors of domestic violence to transform their lives. We offer shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and activities supporting increased economic opportunity for over 2,500 women and men each year. In doing so, we help survivors of domestic violence find the strength within themselves to break the cycle of abuse and build a new, productive, and joyful life for themselves and their children.

Havenhills.org