

**Order of Service - April 7, 2024**  
**Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**“Planting Trees Whose Shade We Will Never Sit In”**

Rev. Matthew McHale Todd Covert, Worship Associate  
Kevin Mathie, Music Director Eloise Porter, Choir Director

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship** words of Katie Romano Griffin *Rev. Matthew*

**Chalice Lighting** words of Katie Sivani Gelfand

**Covenant (in English and Spanish)**

*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** *Todd Covert, Worship Associate*

**Opening Hymn** “Morning Has Come” #1000 (teal)

**Announcement from Rev. Matthew**

**Story for All Ages** “The Curious Garden” by Peter Brown *Rev. Matthew*

**Song** “The Garden Song” by Dave Mallet

**Unitarian Universalist Affirmation**

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

**Sharing the Plate - Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy**

*As part of our commitment to serve our community, we share half our offering with local organizations whose work furthers our mission. [donate.emersonuuc.org](https://donate.emersonuuc.org) or scan here:*



**Congregational Response**

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

**Embracing Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Sung Meditation** “Spirit of Life”

**Reflection** *Todd Covert*

**Choral Anthem** “Gift of Love” by Hal Hopson *Emerson Choir*

**Homily** “Planting Trees Whose Shade We Will Never Sit In” *Rev. Matthew*

**Closing Hymn** “For All That Is Our Life” #128 (gray)

**Extinguishing the Chalice & Benediction**

**Postlude** *Kevin Mathie*

## Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church

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Sunday, April 7th - 10:30 AM

**Sunday Service** (Sanctuary/[Zoom1](#))

Sunday, April 7th - After Service

**First Sunday Potluck** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 7th - After the Potluck

**Emerson Environmental Justice Ministry Letter Writing**

Sunday, April 7th - 4:00 PM

**Article II Exploration** (Zoom-see announcement)

Monday, April 8th - 7:30 PM

**Emerson Board Meeting** ([Zoom1](#))

Tuesday, April 9th - 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM

**Gardening with Rev. Matthew** (Church Grounds)

Tuesday, April 9th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Improv for Your Soul** (Sanctuary)

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**Article II Exploration - Each Sunday in April**

**4:00 - 5:30pm on Zoom**

Join Amy Brunell (UU Santa Monica), Facilitator, for a 4-week dive into a new proposed Article II of the UUA's Bylaws. The program is being offered by Studio City UU, and, they have extended an invitation to Emerson members.

This is not a boring governance discussion.

We'll be looking at the essence of who we are as Unitarian Universalists and the Association-wide effort to articulate essential Unitarian Universalism through a new Article II.

For more information and to register check our website.

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**Dear Members and Friends of Emerson**

It's that exciting time of year when Emerson's Finance Team and Board create next year's budget, as required by the Bylaws. To make sure we can present a realistic proposal at the June congregational meeting, we will also conduct the fiscal 2024-2025 pledge drive, "**Legacy of Love: Celebrating our Past, Shaping our Future.**"

Your individual donations of time, talent and treasure make it possible for Emerson to continue to thrive. Our beloved community is here for us, with inspiring Sunday services, factual discussions of world events, understanding friends, and fun social gatherings. To keep our staff paid, our lights on, our AC functioning, and our music playing, we need everyone's help and support.

Our pledge drive kicks off next Sunday, April 14. We look forward to all sharing our ideas over the coming weeks.

In fellowship,

Tracy Watson, Treasurer & Louise Rovner, Vice President  
Emerson Board of Trustees

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**Emerson Board of Trustees Meeting**

Monday, April 8th - 7:30 PM Zoom: [live.emersonuuc.org](http://live.emersonuuc.org)

All are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of Emerson's Board of Trustees.

## Ongoing Clubs and Activities

Environmental Justice Ministry

Second Sundays - 12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Racial Justice Task Force

First Mondays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

Exploratory Pagan Group

First 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 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Sacred Cinema -

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

Second Mondays - 7:30 PM (Zoom 1)

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**Upcoming Fall Auction Events - Spaces Available  
Contact Host to Sign Up! All proceeds go to Emerson**

**Dungeons & Dragons with Rev. Matthew:** Ever wanted to be a wizard, an elf, or face off against the menace terrorizing the local village? Whether you've never played before or are a seasoned adventurer, join experienced Dungeon Master Matthew for an afternoon of adventure, fantasy & fun.

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 PM \$25 donation

Rev. Matthew [revmatthew@emersonuuc.org](mailto:revmatthew@emersonuuc.org) 562-754-8756

**April Share the Plate Recipient Tongva Taraxat**

**Paxaavxa Conservancy** The Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa (*Tar-a-haht pah-hava*) Conservancy is a Tongva-led org. created to steward lands in Tovaangar, the traditional Tongva region, encompassing the greater Los Angeles basin. The Conservancy has received land back, is creating community and housing Native people, practicing ceremony, and rematriating the land. <https://tongva.land>

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