

**Order of Service — November 23, 2025, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
“Renewal!”**

*“Covenantal theology doesn’t just say that we become human through our promising, but also we become human when we break those promises, and yet somehow find ways to reconnect and begin again—when we repair the relationship because we know we need each other... and so we return, and begin again—it is this beginning again that is what it means to be human.”
~Rev. Gretchen Haley*

Gathering Music Leigh Anne, Guest Pianist

Greetings and Announcements Tess Lotta, Worship Associate

Land Acknowledgement Tess Lotta

Call to Worship Rev. Chloë Briedé, Minister

Chalice Lighting Crystal Patterson, EUUC Member

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*

Hymn: #299 Make Channels for the Streams of Love

Welcome Tess Lotta

Time for All Ages Rev. Chloë Briedé

Unitarian Universalist Affirmation

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

Sharing the Plate: Sky Valley Volunteers

Tess Lotta

As part of our commitment to serve our community, we share half our offering with local organizations whose work furthers our mission. Contribute at emersonuuc.org/donate/, use the Breeze mobile app or scan the QR code in the order of service which takes you to that app, and select “Sunday Offering Shared with Charity.” You can also send a check to the church office payable to Emerson UUC, with “Share the Plate” in the memo.



Congregation Response

Embracing Meditation/Prayer Rev. Chloë Briedé

Anthem: Look at the World by: John Rutter EUUC Choir & Eloise Porter, Choir Director

Reflection Tess Lotta & Christi Kelly, EUUC Outreach Team

Sermon Rev. Chloë Briedé

Hymn: #1028 Fire of Commitment

Extinguishing the Chalice & Benediction Rev. Chloë Briedé

Postlude

*A special thank you to our Tech Associates:
Adam & Conrad Nisenholz, Christi Kelly, and House Dow.*

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This Week at Emerson

Sunday, November 23 - 10:30 AM

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

Monday, November 24 - Time TBD

Emerson Amblers (Offsite)

Friday, November 28 - 7:00 PM

Improv for Your Soul (Sanctuary)

JOIN THE EUUC OUTREACH Project

Volunteer for an EUUC Outreach Project – we welcome your time and talent! Outreach projects are short-term volunteer-run activities. You can volunteer to work on an outreach project through from development to completion. Or, you can offer any time you have to a project. For each outreach project, the EUUC Outreach Coordinator will send out an email sign-up. If you are interested in volunteering for that particular project, you just sign up! The Outreach Coordinator will follow up with details! To add your name and email address to the EUUC Outreach Volunteer List, email Tess Lotta at outreach@emersonuuc.org

Enrichment on Indigenous Los Angeles

Gabrielino/Tongva Nation:

<https://gabrielinotongva.org/>

Mostly Veggie Lunch Club will meet to enjoy good company & explore the advantages of a plant-based diet on **Wed. Dec 3, 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM**. Location: **Leo's Superfood, 8262 Louise Ave., Northridge**

Contact Tracy Watson with questions - tracyj.watson@yahoo.com or 818-620-9451(call or text)

Emerson Potluck Friendsgiving!

Friday Nov. 28 @ 2 PM in the Pavilion

The turkey will be provided. RSVP & let us know if you will bring a side, appetizer or dessert by using the link in the eBlast or by calling the office!

Ongoing Clubs and Activities

Elemental Centering Meditation Meeting

Third Sunday - After Service (Emerson Garden)

Deep Breaths: Meditation during a Stressful Season

Currently on pause - (Sanctuary/Zoom 1)

Environmental Justice Ministry

Second Sundays - 12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Exploratory Pagan Group

First Tuesdays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

First Sunday Potluck

First Sundays - After the Service (Pavilion)

Mostly Veggie Lunch Club!

First Wednesdays - 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM (Offsite)

Emerson Book Group

Third Mondays - 7:00 PM (Zoom 2)

Improv for Your Soul

Every Friday - 7:00 - 8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Board of Trustees Meeting

First Tuesdays - 6:00 PM (Pavilion/Zoom 1)

Emerson Amblers

Every Monday - Check eBlast for Time/Location

Unperceived Media Club

Third Saturdays - 6:00 PM (Zoom 2)

**November Sunday Share the Plate
Recipient: Sky Valley Volunteers**

Sky Valley Volunteers are identified in one of two ways, depending on who you talk to. Either we are a ragtag group of misfits, fighting overwhelming odds against an implacable foe, in order to save the world... OR... We're a dedicated group of local stakeholders planting forests in order to protect our little corner of the world... Maybe we are a bit of both? We've also been viewed as, "little ants carrying watermelon". We are forming strategic relationships with other local non-profits and community groups who help spread the word about the need for Habitat Restoration.



Calling all Emerson Bakers! Sunday, Nov 30th is our annual Bread Communion. Please bring your delicious offerings to the service for blessings and sharing! Contact Linda Fitzgerald with questions.