

Order of Service— March 8, 2026, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church

“Free to Be: Keeping Faith in these Difficult Times”

“In a time of fear, faith is an act of resistance...In a time like this, joy is an act of resistance. Resist, resist, resist.” – Loryn Brantz

Gathering Music	Antonius Nazareth, Music Director
Greetings & Announcements	Melissa Marote, Worship Associate
Land Acknowledgement	Melissa Marote
Call to Worship	Anne Felton Hines, Minister Emerita
Chalice Lighting	Melissa Marote
Covenant	
<i>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.</i>	<i>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</i>
Hymn: #153 (Gray) “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”	Antonius Nazareth
Welcome	Melissa Marote
Time for All Ages: Masaru Emoto’s Experiment in Gratitude	
Unitarian Universalist Affirmation	
<i>We are Unitarian Universalists: A people of open minds, loving hearts and welcoming hands.</i>	
Sharing the Plate: Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy	Melissa Marote
<i>As part of our commitment to serve our community, we share half our offering with local organizations whose work furthers our mission. Contribute at donate.emersonuuc.org or scan the QR code and select “Sunday Offering Shared with Charity.”</i>	
Congregation Response	Antonius Nazareth
Embracing Meditation & Prayer	Melissa Marote
Reading “A Prayer for People Who Can’t Stop Watching the News”	Rev. Anne Felton Hines
Anthem: Simple Gifts arr. by Jay Althouse	EUUC Choir & Eloise Porter, Choir Director
Sermon “Free to Be: Keeping Faith in Troubling Times”	Rev. Anne Felton Hines
Hymn: #1018 (Teal) Come and Go with Me	Antonius Nazareth
Extinguishing the Chalice & Benediction	Rev. Anne Felton Hines
Postlude	Antonius Nazareth

Special thanks to our Tech Associates: Adam & Conrad Nisenholz, & House Dow.

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This Week at Emerson

Sunday, March 8 - 10:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom 1)

Sunday, March 8 - 12:00 PM
Environmental Justice Ministry (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 9 - Contact LindaBeth
Emerson Amblers (Off-site)

Thursday, March 12 - 6:00 PM
Deep Breaths Meditation Group (Sanctuary/Zoom 1)

Friday, March 13 - 7:00 PM
Improv For Your Soul (Sanctuary)

FALL FUNDRAISER EVENT!

Sign Up List in the Pavilion

Fall FUNdraiser event coming soon, \$50 donation, space available!
Oscar Watch Party, **Sunday March 15, 4-7 pm**. Bubbly, appetizers, desserts and more!
Hosted by Tracy Watson, contact at tracyj.watson@yahoo.com or text 818-620-9451 if you'd like to attend.

Enrichment on Indigenous Los Angeles:

Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission: <https://lanaic.lacounty.gov/>

EUUC Outreach Event! The Hope in Bloom Food & Supply Drive will take place on Emerson's church campus on Easter, April 5th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. It is designed to provide relief to our local families, no matter their background or identity. By supporting the West Valley Food Pantry, we contribute to their mission and efforts of feeding hundreds, if not thousands, of families across the West Valley. By supporting CLUE Justice's collection projects, we help immigrant families access vital resources regarding childcare, hygiene, and cleanliness.

To see our list of needed items, please visit tinyurl.com/hopeinbloom2026

Contact outreach@emersonuuc.org for more information or to volunteer.

Ongoing Clubs and Activities

Elemental Centering Meditation Meeting
Third Sunday - After Service (Emerson Garden)

Deep Breaths: Meditation during a Stressful Season
Every Thursday - 6:00 PM (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 - Contact LindaBeth Nelson for Time/Location

Unperceived Media Club
Third Saturdays - 6:00 PM (Zoom 2)

March Share the Plate Recipient: Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy

The Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy is a Tongva led organization with the purpose of stewarding the lands of Tovaangar — the traditional native lands of the greater Los Angeles basin. The Conservancy's mission includes receiving and managing land back, building community for Native people, practicing traditional ceremonies, creating a native archive, and rematriating the lands by returning our native culture and ecosystems.

<https://www.tongva.land/>



Lots of new announcements in our most recent E-Blast! Make sure to request a copy if you do not receive it by email or check out our website for the most up to date information!