

Our Seven Principles

We covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregation
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Our Sources of Inspiration

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of the world's mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- The words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings that counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; and
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythm of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.

Covenant of Right Relations

Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its practice.

This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek truth in love, and to help one another.

Our promises:

We warmly welcome all.

We speak with honesty, respect and kindness.

We listen compassionately.

We express gratitude for the service of others.

We honor and support one another in our life journeys, in times of joy, need and struggle.

We embrace our diversity and the opportunity to share our different perspectives.

We address our disagreements directly and openly, and see conflict through to an authentic resolution.

We serve our spiritual community with generosity and joy, honoring our commitments.

We strive to keep these promises, but when we fall short, we forgive ourselves and others and begin again in love.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island

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Worship Service every Sunday at 10 am Minister: Rev. Dennis Reynolds

**** A Welcoming Congregation ****



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Weaving the Cloth of Our Lives October 15, 2017

Prelude *Baba Huyai* Sarungano

Poem *Weaving* by Lucy Larcom Lisa Siders Kenney

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Becky Myrick

Chalice Lighting

*Affirmation

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***Hymn #22** *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design*

Story for All Ages

*Youth take the love of our community to their classes, as we form an arch and sing *The Gift*, printed inside the front cover of the hymnal.

Offering and Offertory *Nhemamusasa* Sarungano

Joys and Sorrows

Words in Unison

Oh Source of peace, lead us to peace, a peace profound and true; lead us to healing, to mastery of all that drives us to war within ourselves and with others. May our deeds inscribe us in Earth's poetry of life and blessing, goodness and peace. Oh Source of peace, bless us with peace.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Reflections on Weaving-Dialogue with Wendy Ferrier

Lisa Siders Kenney and Gladys Howard

Weaving as Life Purpose

Becky Myrick

***Hymn #1068** *Rising Green*

Benediction and Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude *Mudzimu Wangu*

Sarungano

Please join us for refreshments, coffee, and conversation.

Special thanks to Sarungano and Nola Allen for the beautiful music this morning. Thanks also to Corinne Ludy and Sara Heath for providing refreshments—and to all those who make a service possible.

Next Sunday's Service, October 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Acknowledging Death One Step and One Stitch At a Time

Rev. Dennis Reynolds and Dallas Huth

It is said that humans are the only species who know of our own death. We know it is inevitable. Each of us and the ones we love will die. How we mask or accept that truth can shape our lives. Let's explore how intentional actions can perhaps enhance the finite time we all have.

Worship Leader: Jane Hayes

Special Music: Siri Bardarson

Announcements

Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everybody

Film, Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at UUCWI

The USA is the only developed nation without a form of universal healthcare. This 71-minute film addresses this issue and examines the obstacles, lifts the fog of resignation, and inspires its viewers to show up and step into action.

Following the film, we will have an opportunity to dialogue and learn how we can make universal healthcare a reality. Co-hosted by Indivisible Whidbey. Carpooling encouraged. Donations gladly accepted.

<http://www.nowsthetimemovie.com/about.html>

Explorations of Contemplative Practices

Thursdays for the next five weeks

Mindfulness, meditation, and contemplative practices have emerged in different forms in many faith traditions and, more recently, have been acknowledged as beneficial to psychological and physical health. We have invited practitioners and practice leaders from different perspectives and practices to come to UUCWI and lead a gathered group in practice.

Register with Rev. Dennis or at admin@uucwi.org

Human Sexuality Education for Youth (Grades 7-11)

Why sexuality education? With emphases on values, decision-making skills, and relationship skills, this comprehensive UU sexuality education program gives youth a safe forum in which to make meaning of their lives. Youth learn to feel positive about themselves and their sexuality while they clarify and apply their values and gain knowledge about their bodies, feelings, and behaviors. For more information, google *Our Whole Lives UUA*.

Introductory Parent Meeting: November 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Instructors: Gene Berg, Julie Albright, Ruth Richards, Becky Myrick.

Sign-up by emailing: gaberg678@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendars!

(See weekly ENews for more details.)

UUCWI Work Party

Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. at UUCWI

Care and Connections Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:30 a.m. at UUCWI

UUCWI Library Committee Meeting

Monday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. at UUCWI

Justice Awareness and Advocacy (JJA) Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. UUCWI

Greening Congregations' Seizing Hope in a Season of Despair

Friday, October 27, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's in the Woods

Greening Congregations' Healing Earth, Healing Ourselves:

An Evolutionary Conversation

Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Unity of Whidbey

Second Annual Interfaith Climate Conference

Love at the Crossroads: Climate and Social Justice

Saturday, October 28, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave., Seattle

Memorial Service for Barbara Hutton

Saturday, October 29, 1:00 p.m. at UUCWI

