

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 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 ****



UUCWI Season of Atonement October 8, 2017

Prelude *Nocturne* (posthumous) by Chopin Nola Allen

Welcome and Introductions Rick Weiss, Worship Leader

Call to Worship Rev. Dennis Reynolds

Chalice Lighting by Wendy Bartel and Lynn Gardner

***Hymn #360** *Here We Have Gathered*

*Affirmation

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Story for All Ages *Pierre* by Maurice Sendak

*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.

Joys and Sorrows

Offering

Offertory *Adagio Cantabile* by Haydn Nola Allen

Season of Atonement Rick Weiss

Responsive Reading by Amanda Udis Kessler (see insert)

Our Atonement Rev. Dennis Reynolds

*Closing Words

***Sung Benediction Hymn #1037** *We Begin Again in Love*

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude *If I Were A Rich Man* by Jerry Bock Nola Allen

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Please join us for refreshments, coffee, and conversation.

Special thanks to Nola Allen for the beautiful music this morning. Thanks also to Tom Buxton and Terra Anderson for providing refreshments—and to all those who make a service possible.

Next Sunday's Service, October 15, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Weaving the Cloth of Our Lives

Come hear the stories of weavers from our community, and how weaving can be a spiritual practice and a metaphor for life. The process of weaving brings a sense of expectation and quiet hopefulness, as we let ourselves surrender to the creative rhythm of this ancient art, not rushing the process, but peacefully letting the cloth unfold.

Worship Leader: Becky Myrick

Speakers: Wendy Ferrier, Gladys Howard, Lisa Siders Kenney

Music by Sarungano, Mbiras of southern Africa

From the Long Range Plan Committee
Selected community response to the question:
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

This is a welcoming place for new members and residents. A venue for community where there is mutual support.

Announcements

Our UUCWI Library has a few recent books on the topics of racial injustice and white privilege/supremacy. Check out these books on display on our wooden book cart in the foyer. Please be sure to sign them out on the clipboard provided.

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

White Rage by Carol Anderson

Third Reconstruction by Rev. Dr. William Barber

Witnessing Whiteness by Shelly Tochluk

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 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 accepted. <http://www.nowsthememovie.com/about.html>

Explorations of Contemplative Practices

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.

For six weeks, beginning this **Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.**

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

Finding Life Wisdom through InterPlay

Today! 12:15 p.m.

Interplay is a practice that unlocks the wisdom of the body. Transforming, community building, powerful, fun! We will dance in new ways with ease, tell our stories, find our voice, and claim stillness within. To learn more, go to interplay.org.

Becky Myrick 612-760-6168

Certified Leader of Interplay

Mark your Calendars!

UUCWI Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 8, 11:45 a.m. at China City, Freeland

Course in Miracles

Monday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. UUCWI

UUCWI Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at UUCWI

Explorations of Contemplation

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m. at UUCWI

All Ages Game Night

Friday, October 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at UUCWI

Memorial Service for Barbara Hutton

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

Forgiveness

by Amanda Udis-Kessler

One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do,

Many: Caught up in our self-righteousness, honing our pain.

One: The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness

Many: And we are not obliged to offer it.

One: Why, then, should we forgive?

Many: Because we have all caused pain.

One: Because we all miss the mark.

Many: Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.

One: Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.

Many: Because we would be forgiven ourselves.

One: Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.

Many: Because the alternative is endless bitterness.

One: Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.

Many: Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.

One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.

All: Let us take the first step now.

Season of Atonement Glossary

Ghetto: an area within a city, defined by Gentile law, as the only location where Jews were permitted to live, such as the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland.

Pale of Settlement: in Czarist Russia, Jews were allowed permanent residence only within the Pale of Settlement, as defined in various decrees. Source of our expression describing something totally outrageous as “beyond the Pale.”

Rosh Hashanah: Jewish New Year

Shavuot: commemoration of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, the wheat harvest, and ripening of first fruits.

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