

Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society,
our congregation supports spiritual growth and service
with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island
communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas
and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection
with others and ourselves.

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Reverend Erin Splaine

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Second Congregational Meeting House Society Unitarian Universalist



August 16th, 2026

POETRY SUNDAY

Order of Service

Gathering Music Furiant and Csárdás from *"An Eastern European Dance Suite"*

- Karen Beaumont (b. 1965)

Welcome

Carol Benchley
Board of Trustees

Doxology

All

*From all that dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through every land by every tongue. Amen.*

- Isaac Watts (composite)

Prelude *Fugue No. 10*

- Yuitiro Kato

Lighting the Chalice

We light this chalice—symbol of our faith alive in this world—naming our vision of collective liberation, and daring to re-member each other into beloved community.

-Deanna Vandiver

Opening Words

Rev. Erin Splaine (*she/her*)

Hymn *We Sing Of Golden Mornings*

#66

- Words by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greeting

Spirit Of Life

#123

Moment of Centering

Joys and Concerns

Meditation

Musical Response *To See The World*

#398

- Words by William Blake

Poetry Part One

Hymn

The World Stands Out On Either Side

#3

- Words by Edna St Vincent Millay

Poetry Part Two

Offering

Offertory

Wake Now My Senses

- Words by J Mikelson, Music trad. Irish, arr Alice Parker

Poetry Part Three

Hymn

Immortal Love

#10

- Words by John Greenleaf Whittier

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not its meaning and mission in our hearts. Our time together has come to an end. Go in peace, be of service to one another, and may you move through the world in love for all of your days.

- Maggie Lovins

Closing Words

Postlude Hopak from *"An Eastern European Dance Suite"*

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