



Connection

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

A welcoming, caring congregation encouraging spiritual growth, seeking meaning and pursuing justice.

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Sundays at UUCOV

Sunday Services

February 7, 2021: Video Online Service: The World We Dream About

Rev. Khleber Van Zandt. Rev. Kim Hampton reminds us that “Unitarian Universalism has to be more than a spiritual emergency room.” Our faith communities have to spur deeper religious growth and principled engagement to get us to the world we dream about.



February 14, 2021: Video Online Service: Wiser To Be Sad?



Rev. Khleber Van Zandt. Some scholars believe that Abraham Lincoln suffered from bouts of clinical depression, or what was called ‘melancholy’ at the time. Was depression a fertile soil for his evolution into the greatest of our leaders?

February 21, 2021: Video Online Service: A Savior of Her People

Rev. Khleber Van Zandt. *Purim.* One of the superstars of Jewish legend, the widow Judith used her feminine wiles to overcome adversity in the form of Holofernes, the Assyrian general besieging the Hebrews. Her exploits beg many questions, among them: what is homeland security worth?



February 28, 2021: Video Online Service: Back to What Future?



Rev. Khleber Van Zandt. The church is a business and must practice fiscal responsibility. But it is not only a business: it is a liberating community with a distinct mission in the world. Perhaps we need to re-consider all our re-sources and all our activities through the lens of a missional imagination.

Special Offering

February 14, 2021: CHAPS (Charlotte HIV/AIDS People Support)

CHAPS is an all-volunteer organization whose purpose is to provide supplemental food and hygiene products at no cost to persons in need living with HIV/AIDS and their dependents in **South Sarasota County**. Hygiene products cannot be purchased with food stamps, and they can be vital to a person with a compromised immune system, thus enhancing their lives through healthier living, as well as helping them maintain their dignity and self-respect. When CHAPS provides supplemental food and



hygiene products to persons with limited funds, they are then able to use their own money to purchase fresh meat, dairy, and produce, or for medical care, which they otherwise might not be able to afford. If writing a check, please make it out to UUCOV with 'CHAPS' on the memo line. Thank you!

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UUCOV Mission and Covenant

A welcoming, caring congregation encouraging spiritual growth, seeking meaning and pursuing justice.

In a climate of joy, goodwill and trust this congregation covenants

- to treat one another with kindness and respect,
- to listen with openness and acceptance,
- to support and protect the environment of which we are all a part,
- to solve problems responsibly as we grow and change,
- to encourage learning and nurture the growth of diverse human spirits, and
- to dedicate time, talent and resources in an effort to make a difference in

UU Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 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 to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

local and world communities.

In the spirit of our free religious heritage,
we promise these to one another.

- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

UU Sources

The Living Tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- 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 which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

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