

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice**

Sunday, January 18, 2026

**Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw**

**“The President Sang Amazing Grace”**

**Worship Associate – Janet Knudsen      Pianist – Lise Frank**

**Michael Amos and the UUCOV Choir**

Music Before the Service ..... Lise Frank  
Things You Should Know ..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw  
Sounding the Singing Bowl ..... Janet Knudsen  
Chalice Lighting ..... Janet Knudsen  
Welcome ..... Janet Knudsen  
Prelude Lisa Frank ...from Southland Sketches "A New Hidin' Place" by H.T. Burleigh  
Opening Words ..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw  
Gathering Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw. .... #30 *Over My Head*\*  
Offering Words ..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw  
Offertory Music Lise Frank ..... #402 *“From You I Receive”*  
Celebrations and Sorrows ..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw  
Choral Anthem Michael Amos and the UUCOV Choir..... *“All My Trials”*  
..... (Trad. African American Spiritual)  
First Reading Janet Knudsen ..... *“I Dream a World”* by Langston Hughes  
Musical Meditation Janet Knudsen..... *“The President Sang Amazing ‘Grace’*  
..... (words and music by Zoe Mulford, sung by Joan Baez)  
Interlude Lise Frank..... *“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”*  
..... arr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
Second Reading Janet Knudsen ..... *“What Would Dr. King’s Dream be in 2018?”*  
..... by Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement  
Choral Anthem Michael Amos and the UUCOV Choir... *“Follow the Drinking Gourd”*  
..... Trad.. arr. Greg Gilpin)  
Centering Hymn Janet Knudsen ..... #205 *“Amazing Grace”*  
Sermon Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw ..... *“The President Sang Amazing Grace”*  
Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw ..... *“Standing Stone”*  
..... by Melanie DeMore  
Closing Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw ..... #169 *“We Shall Overcome”*  
Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw  
Postlude Lise Frank..... *“May Love Surround You”*

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**\*Welcome! Our hymnals are in the bookcases by the entrances to the sanctuary. Please feel free to borrow one for use during the service.**

**Be sure to notice our “Food Bank” baskets on the lanai in front of each door to the Sanctuary and take this reminder home to bring back requested non-perishable food and paper goods for families in great need. SRQ UU is coordinating and delivering the goods and monetary donations. (Can donate by credit card at UUSRQ.org. Under Fund, go to Social Justice: Food.) Most requested items: Maseca (ground corn flour), Rice, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereals, Oatmeal, Bread, soaps, detergents, hygiene products, diapers, and toilet paper.**

**Here’s What’s Happening at UUCOV This Week:**  
***(All Meetings are in Waters Hall, except where noted.)***

**Sunday, January 18, Today**

10:00 am – Sunday Service

11:00 am – Cookies, Coffee & Conversation

11:30 am – Social Justice Committee (*Sanctuary*)

**Monday, January 19** – 10:00 Fellowship Group Facilitators

**Tuesday, January 20**

CONNECTION Newsletter Deadline

10:00 am – Library Hours

10:00 am – SAGE Circle - Judith

1:00 pm – Mahjong Learn/Play

4:00 pm – Around the World in 12 Religions – Rev. Amy (*Sanct.*)

6:30 pm – *Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting\**

**Wednesday, January 21**

Shared Meal (Time TBA)

9:15 am – *Venice Musicale Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)*

1:30 pm – Death and Grief Support Group

4:00 pm – Around the World in 12 Religions – Rev. Amy (*Sanct.*)

**Thursday, January 22**

5:45 am – *AA Meeting*

4:00 pm – UUCOV Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 23**

1:00 pm – Bridge Brush Up and Play

2:00 – 4:00 Green & Garden Team’s *“Garden Party”*

**Saturday, January 24**

10:00 am – Mat Making

10:30 am – *Blue Lotus Meditation (Sanctuary)*

2:00 pm – Death Cafe

**\*Activities in Italics indicate non-UUCOV sponsored groups.**

