

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Worship Leader – Rev Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

“Oh Death, Where is Thy Sting?”

Worship Associate – Jean Spitzer

Pianist – Lise Frank

Music Before the Service Lise Frank
Things You Should Know..... Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Sounding the Singing Bowl Jean Spitzer
Chalice Lighting Jean Spitzer from “An Easter Meditation”
.....by Rev. Sanuel A. Trumbore
Welcome Jean Spitzer
Prelude Lise Frank “Gavotte from French Suite no. 5” by J.S.Bach
Opening Words Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Gathering Hymn. Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw #29 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”
Easter Parade – Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw and Lise Frank, pianist
..... “Easter Parade” (Irving Berlin)
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 Jan Simon & the UUCOV Choir .. “A Promise Through the Ages Rings”
..... Words by Alice S. Carpenter, Music by Severus Gastorius
First Reading Jean Spitzer “Being the Resurrection” by Rev. Victoria Weinstein
Meditation Jean Spitzer The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-9)
Interlude Lise Frank “Impromptu to D. 935, no. 2” by Schubert
Second Reading Jean Spitzer from “Resurrection is Messy”
..... by Nadia Bolz Weber
Choral Anthem Jan Simon & the UUCOV Choir “Cantate Domino”
..... by Sally K. Albrecht
Centering Hymn Jean Spitzer #38 “Morning Has Broken”
Sermon Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw “Oh Death, Where is Thy Sting?”
Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw”
Closing Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw #61 “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”
Benediction Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Postlude Lise Frank “May Love Surround You”

Our Second Sunday Special Collection on April 12 is for South County Food Pantry which provides food for families in need in Venice, Nokomis, Laurel, and Osprey. The pantry receives no government funding and is staffed by 100 volunteers. They currently feed about 1,200 people per month, including 250 children and over 100 senior citizens.

REMINDER: Special “Food Bank” hampers are on the lanai for neighbors in need. NON-PERISHABLE food and paper goods. Requested items: Maseca (instant corn masa flour), Rice, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereals, Oatmeal, soaps, detergents, hygiene products, diapers, and toilet paper. SRQ UU delivers the goods. (Donate by credit card at UUSRQ.org. Under Fund, go to Social Justice: Food.

Our [Lanai Outreach Collection](#) on April 12 and 19 will be for the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida which rescues and rehabilitates sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife to prepare them to return to the wild. Please see Janet Knudsen or Judy Heipel for a list of items needed—or write a check to UUCOV and write “Wildlife” on the memo line.

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

Sunday, April 5, Today - Easter Sunday

10:00 am – Sunday Service (*Sanctuary & Live Streamed*)

11:00 am – Coffee & Conversation! (*Lanai*)

Monday, April 6

5:00 pm – Meatless Monday

Tuesday, April 7

9:30 am – Coordinating Council

10:00 am – Library Hours

1:00 pm – Mahjongg Play

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

Wednesday, April 8

4:00 pm – DEE Briefing (*Sanctuary*)

One Hour before Sunset - Sunset Beach Gathering - Service Club Beach

Contact Eileen Leapley for Beach Gathering details at 941-525-4328.

Thursday, April 9

5:45 am – *AA Meeting*

9:30 am – Board Retreat

1:00 pm – Book Club

2:00 pm – Waters Hall Renovation Committee

4:00 pm – UUCOV Choir Rehearsal

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

Friday, April 10

1:00 pm – Bridge Play

Saturday, April 11

10:00 am – Men’s Open Group

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

4:00 pm – “Building the Wall” – A Play Reading – by Robt. Schenkan

Sunday, April 12

10:00 am – Sunday Service (*Sanctuary & Live Streamed*)

11:30 am – **April Birthday Celebration!**

11:30 am – Checkpoint (*Sanctuary*)

* *Activities in Italics indicate non-UUCOV Sponsored Events*