

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Worship Leader – William Esty

“So You Want to be a Minister”

Worship Assistant: Serena Cannarelli

Pianist – Lise Frank

Music Before the Service Lise Frank
 Things You Should KnowSerena Cannarelli
 Sounding the Singing BowlSerena Cannarelli
 Chalice Lighting Serena Cannarelli
 WelcomeSerena Cannarelli
 Prelude Lise Frank “Fugue in C minor” from Book 1 of the “Well Tempered Clavier”
 by J.S. Bach
 Opening Words Will Esty
 Gathering Hymn Serena Cannarelli..... #361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”
 Offering Words Will Esty
Our Special Collection today benefits Laurel Civic Association
 Offertory Music Lise Frank #402 “From You I Receive”
 Celebrations and Sorrows..... Will Esty
 First Reading Serena Cannarelli words by Chaplain Rumni Saha
 Meditation Serena Cannarelli “Community Means Strength” by Starhawk
 Interlude Lise Frank “Waltz Op. 64 no. 2” by Frédéric Chopin
 Reading Serena Cannarelli “Be Ours a Religion” by Theodore Parker
 Centering Hymn Serena Cannarelli #298 “Wake Now My Senses” (v. 1,2,5)
 Sermon William Esty..... “So You Want to be a Minister”
 Extinguish the Chalice Will Esty
 Closing Hymn Will Esty..... #108 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”
 Benediction Will Esty
 Postlude Lise Frank..... “May Love Surround You”

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***Welcome Visitor! Our gray and teal Hymnals are in the bookcases just inside the doors to the sanctuary. Please free to borrow one for the service as we make music together.**

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Today, our Community Outreach Lanai Collection will benefit Streets of Paradise which provides outreach to the unhoused in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. They deliver over 150 hot meals per week, hygiene kits, clothing, blankets, and water. Their mobile unit provides showers and laundry facilities. Please see Serena Cannarelli or Moe Morison for a list of specific items needed.

If you’d prefer to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write “Streets of Paradise” on the memo line.

Please notice our “Food Bank” hampers on the lanai and take this reminder home to bring back 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.) Items most requested: Maseca (instant corn masa flour), Rice, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereals, Oatmeal, Detergents, Soaps, Hygiene Products, Diapers, and Toilet Paper.

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

Today, Sunday, June 14

9:30 am – Lanai Collection for “Streets of Paradise”
10:00 am – Sunday Service (*Sanctuary*)
11:00 am – Cookies & Conversation (*Lanai*)
June Birthday Celebration is Canceled today - *Happy Birthday Junebugs!*

Monday, June 15

1:00 – 3:00 pm – Mahjonnig Learn/Play

Tuesday, June 16

10:00 am – Noon – Library Hours
6:30 pm – *Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting**

Wednesday, June 17

1:30– Death and Grief Support Group
One Hour before Sunset - Sunset Beach at Service Club Beach
Contact Eileen Leapley for Info

Thursday, June 18

5:45 am – *AA Meeting*
9:30 am – 11:30 am Board of Trustees Meeting
6:30 pm – *Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting*

Saturday, June 20

CONNECTION DEADLINE
10:00 am – Noon – Mat Making for the Homeless
10:30 – 11:30 am – *Blue Lotus Meditation. (Sanctuary)*

Sunday, June 21

10:00 am – Sunday Service (*Sanctuary*)
11:00 am – Cookies & Conversation (*Lanai*)
11:30 am – Social Justice Committee (*Sanctuary*)

** Italicized activities indicate non-UU sponsored events.*

Our Special Offering today will benefit Laurel Civic Assn. which runs a food pantry, after-school tutoring, summer reading program, a summer life skills camp for teens, workforce development, and more, to enrich the lives of local children and families. If you’d like to write a check, please make it out to UUCOV and write Laurel Civic on the memo line.