



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF VENICE

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



Sunday, September 13, 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE

"When the Door Closes, Stop Knocking"

Accompanist

Marianne Koerner

Worship Assistant

Eileen Leapley

Worship Leader

Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw



ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Before the Service..... Marianne Koerner

Things You Should Know.....Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

Sounding the Singing Bowl.....Eileen Leapley

Chalice Lighting Eileen Leapley..... "The Beginning of the Journey"
.....(adapted from traditional Rosh Hashanah prayer)

Welcome.....Eileen Leapley

Opening Words.....Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

Prelude Marianne Koerner..... "How Time Flies" by Richard Koerner

Gathering Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw... #95 "There Is More Love Somewhere"

Offering Words.....Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

Offertory Music Marianne Koerner#402 "From You I Receive"

Celebrations and Sorrows.....Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

Meditation Eileen Leapley "Heenaynee" by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

Interlude Marianne Koerner..... "Return Again" by Schlomo Carlebach

Reading Eileen Leapley..... "Each Second" by Pablo Casals

Hymn Eileen Leapley.....#30 "Over My Head" (v 1,2,4)

Sermon Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw..... "When the Door Closes, Stop Knocking"

Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw..... Words from Alden Nowlan

Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw.....#36 "Just as Long as I have Breath"

Benediction Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw.....from "A Prayer for the Jewish New Year,"
.....adapted from Rabbi John L. Rosove

Postlude Marianne Koerner..... "May Love Surround You"

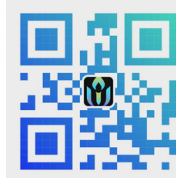
Welcome!

We're so glad you're
here. Visitors, please
stop by the Lanai after
the service for
refreshments and
conversation.



A Note About Applause:

Our accompanist kindly
asks that you refrain from
applauding after the
musical selections. She
prefers to let the music
speak for itself. Thank you
for understanding



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This Week at UUCOV

(All Meetings are in Waters Hall, except where noted.)

TODAY, SUN 13

- 10:00 AM: Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM: Refreshments & Conversation (Sanctuary Lanai)
- 3:00 PM: Board Campus Concept Meeting

MON 14

- 1:00 PM: Mahjongg Learn & Play
- 6:00 PM: Girl Scouts Meeting

TUE 15

- 10 AM - Noon: Library Hours
- 2:00 PM: Finance Committee
- 6:30 PM: Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting

WED 16

- 1:30 PM: Death and Grief Support Group

THU 17

- 5:45 AM: AA Meeting
- 1:00 PM: Board of Trustees Meeting
- 6:30 PM: Freethinkers of Venice Secular AA Meeting

FRI 18

- IVMS Event (Parking only)

SAT 19

- 10:00 AM: Men's Open Group
- 10:00 AM: Mat Making for the Homeless
- 10:30 AM: Blue Lotus Meditation Event (Zoom/Sanctuary)

SUN 20

- Special Offering: Project 180
- 10:00 AM: Sunday Service
- 11:00 AM: Refreshments & Conversation

Announcements

WE ARE WRITING POSTCARDS TO ENCOURAGE



TO PARTICIPATE IN IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

Join us **EVERY SUNDAY**
JULY 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2026
11:30 AM IN WATERS HALL

THE IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COALITION
OF SWFL INVITES YOU TO:

**STANDING
WITH HAITI**

THE TERMINATION OF TPS
AND ITS EFFECTS ON FLORIDA

Join community leaders, advocates, and affected families for an important conversation about Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti, the impact of its termination, and what it means for our communities across Florida.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
10:30 AM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF SARASOTA
3975 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

LET BOOKS BE

Protect the Freedom to Read
Banned Books Week 2026 - October 4-10

ADOPT A BANNED BOOK

Choose it. Read it. Share why it matters.

We invite UUCOV readers to celebrate books as windows, doors, and pathways—into ourselves, one another, and new ideas. During Banned Books Week, adopt a challenged title to add to the UUCOV Library's collection and help show that every reader deserves the freedom to choose what to read, and to preserve these titles for the future.

How to Adopt			
1. Pick	2. Adopt	3. Give	4. Share
Choose a challenged or banned book from UUCOV Library's list.	Complete an adoption card: title, author, and why you chose it. Give the card to the library team.	Purchase a copy (unlined, unmarked, like new) to add to UUCOV Library's collection.	Add a quote, reflection, or review and stick it in the book for us to post and share.

Let books be windows. Let books be doors. Let books be read.
Take action on Let Freedom Read Day: October 10, 2026.