



What's Easter to a Humanist?

And a Special
New Member
Ceremony

Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
Sunday, April 20, 2025

Reverend Barbara Prose, Speaker
Marjorie Iburg, Celebrant
Boyd Nunley, Pianist

Welcoming New Members:

*Lois Colton, Delise Dickard, Norris Dickard, Gregg Dorris,
Stephen Labadie, Barbara Prose, Susan Randolph, and Susan Tollen*



Announcements Continued...

Land Acknowledgement

We gratefully acknowledge the many Indigenous tribes, who for millennia have stewarded the land on which we now meet, and we recognize and honor their enduring presence as our neighbors and fellow citizens. May their sacrifices, their resilience, and their ongoing contributions be in our minds and hearts as we gather today.

Our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles Affirm and Promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



- **Fri. May 16** - Deadline for members interested in attending or acting as delegates to the UUA General Assembly (Baltimore and online) to submit names. RSVP to Dick, president@mcuuf.org
- **Sat. May 17** - Social Justice Retreat
- **Sun. May 25** - "Tales of Death and Other Thresholds" featuring storyteller Will Hornyak. In person and online. Followed by Soup Sunday and the third "Speaking of Death" workshop.
- **June 17-June 19**, Summer Meetup at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Contact Pat Evenson-Brady ASAP by text, phone or email to confirm your spot. pebrady1@gmail.com, 541-490-9064.
- **June 18-22** The UUA General Assembly (Baltimore and online)
- **Sun. June 29** MCUUF's Annual Congregational Meeting.
- **Sun. June 29** 12:30-2 pm, Fourth Workshop in series, "Speaking of Death: Death Care" with Tamara Thiel and Rev. Barbara Prose, by donation.
- **Sun. July 27** 12:30-2 pm Final Workshop in series, "Speaking of Death: Green Burial Cemetery Outing". Meet in Mosier for the tour.
- **Visit mcuuf2.org** to read up more on all the upcoming events and services.

SUPPORT NEEDED

- FISH Food Bank Volunteers needed 5/28, 5/30, and 6/2 from 2:45-5:30 pm. Contact Steve Castles, shscastles@gmail.com or (541) 296-0655.
- Greeters needed to provide a warm welcome on site and on zoom. Contact Debbie Olson: (509) 774-7773.
- "Water for Warm Springs" is accepting donations to address the water crisis on the reservation. Please note "Warm Springs Fund" when giving.
- Scholarship Fund Donations now being accepted. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Scholarship Fund".

REMINDERS

- MCUUF Board nominations are invited: Four 2-yr positions, and three
- 1-yr Nominating Committee positions, beginning July 1. Please contact D. Carlson, A. Atkins or K. Jubitz.
- Childcare is available at services thanks to Elaina Kingston.

Please submit your announcements for the newsletter by Tuesday, 12 pm, and the Order of Service by Friday, 12 pm, to administrator@mcuuf.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Services are Sundays 10-11:30 am at the Rockford Grange or on Zoom (tinyurl.com/mcuuf20225) followed by Coffee Hour or Soup Sunday.

- **Today**, Soup Sunday after service, downstairs.
- **Sun. Apr. 27**, 10 am - “Active Love and Anthropocene Angst” with JD Stillwater, Science Ambassador, and Elaine Castles, Celebrant. Online only.
- **Sun. Apr. 27**, 12:30-2 pm - Part 2 of 5, “Speaking of Death: End of Life Planning”, with Tamara Thiel and Rev. Barbara Prose at the Grange. **Last Sundays through July**, by donation.
- **Tue. April 29**, 6:30-8:30 pm - Would you like to be involved with the worship committee? Attend a special training session at Tamara Thiel’s. Contact tcthood@gmail.com to attend.
- **Sat. May 3**, 6-9:30 pm - May Day Contra Dance at the Grange featuring the Sappy Fir Cones and caller Sue Baker. Food on site.
- **Sun. May 4**, Featuring Rev. Barbara Prose, in person and online.
- **Sun. May 4**, Stewardship Sunday (caring for and supporting our congregation) followed by several weeks of potlucks, dinners and teas to share our vision for the future.
- **Sun. May 4**, Creative Temple Poetry Workshop with Chelan Harkin from 12-1 pm, downstairs after service, also on **5/11, 5/18, 6/1 and 6/15**. \$30 per session. RSVP to administrator@mcuuf.org.
- **Sun. May 4**, 2-5 pm - Helen Krehbiel’s 90th Birthday at the Elk’s Lodge. Cake, snacks and drinks will be served. Please no gifts, just well wishes and good cheer. RSVP Helenkis90@gmail.com.
- **Sun. May 11**, 10 am - “Not If, But When”, Presentation on Wildfire Preparedness by Jurgen Hess and Simone Cordery Cotter, Oregon State Fire Marshall. Followed by Chelan’s second poetry workshop.
- **Sun. May 18** - “We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting for”, featuring Rev. Martha Durkee-Neuman. In person and online. Followed by Chelan’s third workshop in the series.

Order of Service

Prelude

“Slow Me Down” by the Porter’s Gate

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Covenant

Our covenantal community is built on a foundation of love, not creeds.

This is our great covenant:

To be kind, respectful, and honest;

To honor diversity in all its forms;

To support each other and be of service in the wider world.

Time for All Ages

Chalice Lighting

Celebrant: We are Unitarian Universalists.

Congregation: We light this chalice in faith, in hope, and in love.

Opening Hymn

#269 Lo, the Day of Days is Here

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Hymn

#1011 Return Again

New Member Ceremony

Minister to New Members:

Today, we formally welcome you into the covenant of love and service that binds us together. And, we ask: "Will you, our newest members, honor our covenant to be kind, respectful, and honest; to honor diversity in all its forms; and to support each other and be of service in the wider world. If so, please say "I will."

New Members:

I will.

Minister to the Congregation: (please stand as you are able)
Congregants, as our community grows, do you reaffirm your commitment to the covenant of love and service that binds us together? If so, please say "We do."

Congregation:

We do.

Minister to the Congregation:

And will you welcome these new members into our community, strive to dwell with them in peace, support their search for truth with love, and help them when they are in need?
If so, please say "I will."

Congregation:

I will.

Minister to all:

Let us all remember that our covenant is a promise we make to each other and a practice we strive to live out together. When you falter or fail in living our covenant, will you take responsibility, seek forgiveness and begin again in love? If so, please say I will.

All:

I will.

Special Music

What The World Needs Now

(by Burt Bacharach, original by Jackie DeShannon)

Reading

Sermon

"Speaking Easter"

Offertory

The April plate is shared with the
Youth Empowerment Center.

Text (541) 625-2013 to give, or visit mcuuf2.org/donate



Closing Hymn

#38 *Morning Has Broken*

Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

(Elizabeth Selle Jones, #456)

Closing Circle

"*Fuente de Amor*" followed by "*Spirit of Life*"

Benediction

Postlude

"All the Things You Are"

by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II