

Announcements

- **Today! Stay for Soup Sunday after Service.** Contact Aera Atkins if you're able to contribute a pot of soup for next month's Soup Sunday: 541.806.2344
- **Monday, April 6, 7-8:30 pm: Rise Up Singing Sing-Along** at the community room at Adams Creek Co-housing (413 Adams Creek Rd, HR) with Dick and Paul. Come sing your heart out. Rise Up Singing books are available for use. Please park on the street and not in the lot, which is for residents of ACC.
- **Thursday, April 9: Monthly Grange Potluck and Meeting** 5:30 pm-8 pm. Monthly potlucks are a chance for us to connect, plan events and make decisions about the future of the Grange. This month features speaker Emiliano Estrada discussing the importance of corn to ancient cultures and today.
- **Sunday, April 12 Service: "Lessons from the Berry Patch"** with Rev. Barbara Prose. In Lessons from the Berry Patch, Ethel Pochoki writes, "The berry patch is not for those who fear pain, bugs, slippery slopes and sudden storms. Berriers are adventurers vaulting out into the unknown, like apostles going off to strange lands, knowing there is a harvest to be reaped but not sure where or how." When Tom Hons gifted me a copy of the article, he could not have known this theme would inspire our Stewardship Campaign this year, yet it has. First, thank you Tom! Second, I invite you - berriers and non-berriers alike, to come with memories of picking, planting, canning, baking, eating and more, as we celebrate the sweet successes of the past year. And as we, unafraid of pain, bugs, slippery slopes and sudden storms, talk about the investment needed to keep our Fellowship fertile and bearing fruit.
- **Thursday, April 16: Third Thursdays Together** We're making space for you to talk about what matters and feel your feelings with others in real life. Featuring a Community Forum on Elections led by Dick Withers and age-appropriate, engaging activities led by Kristen Dillon. Childcare provided. Potluck at 5:30. Bring a dish, a friend, invite your neighbors!
- **Sunday, April 19, 7:30-8:30 am: Free Tai Chi at the Grange all of April.** Also Wednesdays from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm (see flyer or newsletter for more info.)
- **Sunday, April 19 Service: Family - Our Spiritual and Ecological Connections to Wildlife**
- **Sunday, April 26 Service - I Contain Multitudes...Don't I?**
- **Sunday, April 26, 12:15-1:45 pm: Social Justice Council** in person & ZOOM.
- **June 16-19: Oregon Shakespeare Festival Meetup** Details at mcuuf2.org

SUPPORT NEEDED

- **Make a pot of soup for First Sundays for Families** Contact Aera Atkins 541.806.2344 if you can contribute a pot of soup.
- **Help set up for Sunday Service** Arrive and 9 am. Detailed setup instructions are available. Contact Steve Castles, (541) 296-0655.
- **Greeters needed** Contact Martha Kraus (mkraus@gorge.net) to sign up.
- **Flower bringers needed** Contact Pat Evenson-Brady at pebrady1@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

- **Childcare** is available at services thanks to Elaina Kingston.
- **Submit announcements** to administrator@mcuuf.org by 12pm on Tues. or Thurs.
- **Check the newsletter for the latest information:** tinyurl.com/mcuufnews

Easter for Humanists Practicing Resurrection



Gorge UU Fellowship Sunday, April 5, 2026

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Featuring Rev. Barbara Prose
with Celebrant Lois Colton
Music by Boyd Becker
Flowers by Dennis Carlson

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.

Program

Gathering Music

#396, I Know this Rose Will Open

Welcome and Call to Worship

Invocation and Covenant

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

Congregation: *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.

Chalice Lighting

Celebrant: We are Unitarian Universalists.

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

Reading

Opening Song

#21, For the Beauty of the Earth

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Prayer/Meditation or Silence

Time for All Ages

Special Music*

#269. Lo, the Day of Days is Here

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Sermon: Practicing Resurrection

Closing Song

Offering

Share-the-Plate for April is the Youth Empowerment Shelter (YES). According to their website, yesshelter.org, "YES provides youth in the Columbia River Gorge a place of physical and emotional safety while assisting them to build positive relationships and develop their individual potentials."



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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*

"Spirit of Life" / "Fuente de Amor"

Benediction

Coffee & Conversation and Soup Sunday

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.