

# What is Humanism?



## Gorge UU Fellowship

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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Featuring Rev. Barbara Prose  
with Celebrant Kristen Dillon  
Music by Heart and Hammer  
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.

**Our 2026-2027 Stewardship Campaign is LIVE!** Please pledge by June 6<sup>th</sup> in order for our Finance Team to develop a budget to share at the Annual General Meeting. Pick up a pledge card at the Pledge Table if you haven't received one yet, along with information about giving. Pledge online here: [tinyurl.com/2026steward](https://tinyurl.com/2026steward)

**Black in the Gorge (BIG)** is collecting any kind of magazine for their Juneteenth community project. Please bring your magazines and drop them off in the bin near the greeter's table labeled BIG magazines.

**Thursday, May 21, 5:30-8:30 pm: Third Thursdays Together** Bring a dish, bring a friend to the Rockford Grange. We hope to see you there! Featuring a Soulful Circle and Zentangles (a relaxing and mindful way to create beautiful images by drawing structured, repetitive patterns with step-by-step guidance). Childcare provided along with special activities for youth led by Erika Doring-Kingston.

**Thursday, May 21, 5:30-7:30 pm: G.E.M. Spring Social and Potluck** Socialize and share a meal at 5:30. At 6 pm, hear from representatives of all the different programs that G.E.M. sponsors. 1130 Tucker Rd, Hood River in the Food Bank Classroom. For more information, visit [gorge-em.org](https://gorge-em.org).

**Sunday Service May 24: Grace and Mercy with Colleen Ballinger** Come and hear how her global life experiences shaped her view on death and dying. Also learn from Colleen's experiences how we can be transformed when holding space for the dying and bearing witness to death.

**Sat. May 30 - Fellowship Parkdale Picnic** It's our fabulous, fun, family potluck picnic! Games for all ages! Bring a simple dish to share. We will provide everything else. At Kathy J's House: 8700 Clear Creek Road, Parkdale, OR. This event is for Fellowship Members, Friends and guests. New? Contact [administrator@mcuuf.org](mailto:administrator@mcuuf.org) for an special invitation.

**Sunday Service May 31: Our Annual Flower Communion** This annual ceremony is one of the highlights of the church year for many of us. Join celebrants Bonnie Withers and Elaine Castles as we gather in the lovely home and garden of Tom and Marie Louise Penchoen to celebrate the glories of spring and the warmth of our religious community. As an added bonus, we will have a special guest appearance by the Riverside Community Church Chancel Choir. The service will be very kid-friendly, so this is a great opportunity for families to participate. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch. **Please bring a flower to share.**

**June 16-19: Oregon Shakespeare Festival Meetup** see announcement board for details.

### SUNDAY SERVICE SUPPORT NEEDED

- **Hospitality Needs Teams** Contact Aera Atkins, (541) 806-2344.
- **Help set up for Sunday Service** Contact Steve Castles, (541) 296-0655.
- **Greeters needed** Please contact Martha Kraus ([marthakraus49@gmail.com](mailto:marthakraus49@gmail.com)).
- **Flower bringers needed** Contact Pat Evenson-Brady at [pebrady1@gmail.com](mailto:pebrady1@gmail.com).

### REMINDERS

- **Childcare** is available at services thanks to Elaina Kingston.
- **Come at 7:30 am Sundays for Tai Chi with Rayceena** [info@rayceena.com](mailto:info@rayceena.com)
- **Submit announcements** to [administrator@mcuuf.org](mailto:administrator@mcuuf.org) by 12pm on Tues. or Thurs.
- **Check the newsletter for the latest information:** [tinyurl.com/mcuufnews](https://tinyurl.com/mcuufnews)

# Program

## Gathering Music

"Sweet Release"

## 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.*

## Opening Song\*

Hymn #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"

## Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

## Prayer/Meditation/Silence

## Musical Response

## Time for All Ages

## Special Music

"If I Can't Find Hope"

## Reflection: Are you a humanist?

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

## Closing Song

### Offering

The May plate is shared with the Immigration Counseling Service ([ics-law.org](http://ics-law.org)), Oregon's oldest non-profit immigration law firm. Their mission is to achieve equity and justice for immigrants and their families by providing accessible services to uphold their legal rights. To Donate: Text (541) 625-2013 or visit [mceuuf2.org/donate](http://mceuuf2.org/donate)



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### Announcements

### 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

Followed by 12-1 pm "Get to Know Us" in the Gathering Space.

### 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.