

June 25, 2021

## UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



## SERVICES

Sunday General Assembly Worship Service

**June 27, 2021**

### **General Assembly Sunday Worship Service**

Join us as we share in the Sunday service from the **2021 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly**, presented by the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis and shared with Unitarian Universalists around the country and the globe. More information and a link will be sent closer to the date of the service. We're so grateful for the work of our Worship Production Team and delighted to give them the week off!

## WORSHIP SERVICES MOVE TO ZOOM

**The Sunday Worship Services will be available on Zoom going forward. You can use this same link every Sunday**

### **Why?**

- Facebook has stopped our services several times and there is no way to prevent it. The algorithm scans for any content that is copyrighted and halts the stream, even though we have licensed the material. This is an issue for churches everywhere.
- We get to see each other! In particular, Reverend Ian would love to see our faces on Sundays.

### **Public versus Private**

- We are open and welcoming, and invite the public to attend our Worship Services. You may share the Sunday Worship link with anyone, and we will post it on Facebook and our website.
- While we encourage you to turn on your camera, you may turn it off if you are uncomfortable.

- Note, the Sunday Together coffee hour is a separate Zoom link and will remain private.

#### **Zoom (live)**

- We have greatly restricted the controls for the public Worship Service.
- You will not be able to unmute or share your screen during the service.
- You will be able to chat and post emojis, similar to Facebook Live.

#### **Facebook (for viewing later)**

- We will post the Worship Service on Facebook around noon. If Facebook shuts it down, getting it restored can take up to a week.

## LET'S PAY-OFF THE MORTGAGE



On May 18, 2021, the Board of Directors authorized the Finance Committee to organize a capital campaign to raise funds to pay off the existing mortgage on our building. We would like to enlist your help and generosity to raise at least \$75,000 to be applied to the mortgage by May 2022.

A generous couple in the congregation has already pledged \$10,000 towards this effort to be matched by other individuals who can give any amount. If you would like to be part of this exciting project, please contact [Chris Eager](#) or [Sarita Gonzales](#). If you've already decided that you want to contribute to this great cause you can use the Mortgage Pay-Off Pledge form. Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

## CALENDAR

### **Meetings**

**Sunday Worship Service:** Sunday, June 27 @ 10:00am

**Sunday Together:** Sunday, June 27 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Climate & Environmental Justice:** Monday, June 28 @ 10:30 – 11:30am

**Super Seniors:** Monday, June 28 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm

**Men's Breakfast:** Friday, July 2 @ 8:00 – 9:30am

### **Staying Connected**

**Sunday Together:** Sunday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Coffee & Conversation:** Friday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Social BUUterflies Happy Hour:** Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections June 20, 2021: \$307.70**

Friends,

I hope you have gotten your Covid shots. That doesn't mean the rules have totally changed. Wear a mask and/or keep your distance if you are unsure of your environment and continue to wash your hands to be extra safe.

PLEASE reach out if you're not well, need a meal or just want someone with a caring heart to chat with for a while. We're YOUR Care Team. So PLEASE don't be shy. Your well-being is important to us.

Please contact: Bryna Blum

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### SUMMER ZOOM SCHEDULING NOTICE

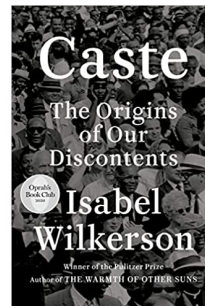
Between July 7 and August 7, 2021 to schedule a zoom time on the Administrator account, please send an email to Jane Zaun, contact information is in the Directory.

## LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

**Please join us in July for an online book discussion**

**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**  
by Isabel Wilkerson

**July 28 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am**



"As we go about our daily lives, caste is a wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power--which groups have it and which do not."

## AV PROGRESS!

The goods are arriving! We now have a basic system and in fact most of this Sunday's special service was filmed on our new setup. We think you will love the quality. So far we just have the bare-bones for filming up and running – really just enough to pull off Rev B's final service. The next steps are to add another camera, tune up the audio, more integration, replace borrowed gear as missing items become available, automate it for volunteers, and then add the big screen TVs. It is coming together!

For now we just set up a temporary production booth in the back of the sanctuary with cables heading out over the floor. Once more is operational, this will let the volunteers get familiar with the equipment and see if they prefer to work from a booth or just from tablets so we can plan how to remodel the audio booth and see if we need to convert the cry room to a production room. For now it is quite a jumble!

## UPDATED INDOOR PHASE 1 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR SMALL GROUPS

Much of the detailed CDC, OSHA and UUA guidance is dependent upon whether entry to the building is restricted to vaccinated people and the quality of the ventilation system.

- Two weeks ago, the UUA published metrics for evaluating building safety. Our building ventilation rates as EXCELLENT! That is great news.
- Of 71 people who responded to our survey, 70 were fully vaccinated and one was in process. More great news - this allows us to require vaccinations with minimal exclusion.

We are allowed simple, straightforward protocols. The Board revised the Indoor Phase 1 Protocols for attendees drawn from known small groups (not open to the general public). This does not yet apply to general attendance at Sunday Worship.

The full protocols are posted at UUCOD.org; here's a synopsis:

1. Everyone entering the building must be fully vaccinated. *The requirement for proof has been dropped.*
2. Each group should designate a Safety Coordinator and maintain contact tracing information.
3. If anyone in the group requests, then all attendees will wear masks. The Group Leader should discuss the wearing of masks before an event to allow anonymity and establish comfort for everyone.

Further:

- No specific limitations are made regarding food or restroom use.
- For singing, we advise but do not require 3 feet spacing between family groups (per UUA Guidance). *The previous rules regarding ventilation for singing have been dropped.*

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## Be Safe and Well!

**Newsletter Deadlines:** The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning. If you are going to be late, call or email the Administrator at [admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org) asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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