

# From Independence to Interbeing – Tending the Commons Together

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<b>Prelude Slides</b>	<i>Won't You Be My Neighbor/Hi! Neighbor</i>	Fred Rogers/Jack Owens
<b>Gathering Music #404</b>	<i>What Gift Can We Bring</i> vs. 1, 2, & 4	Jane Marshall
<b>Opening the Circle</b>	<i>Calling the Directions &amp; Center</i>	Carol Underwood
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>		Candice Carver
<b>Wonder Box Wisdom</b>	<i>Many Threads Make a Blanket</i>	Tara Humphries
<b>Hymn #67</b>	<i>We Sing Now Together</i>	Edwin T Buehrer
<b>Reading or Reflection</b>		Carol Underwood
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Crowded Table</i>	The Highwoman
<b>Homily</b>	<i>Tending the Commons Together</i>	Candice Carver
<b>Music for Reflection</b>	<i>This Land is Your Land</i>	Woody Guthrie
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	<i>Spirit of Connection</i>	Candice Carver
<b>Hymn #318</b>	<i>We Would Be One</i>	Samuel Anthony Wright
<b>Sharing Our Gifts</b>	Offering shared with <i>Mosaic of Georgia</i>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Imagine/America, the Beautiful</i>	John Lennon/Samuel A Ward
<b>Gratitudes</b>		
<b>Call to Connection</b>		
<b>Hymn #6</b>	<i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i>	Alicia S. Carpenter
<b>Closing the Circle</b>		Candice Carver
<b>Extinguishing Our Chalice</b>		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

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## UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

### Events This Week

• in person + online

**\* Today - Potluck!**

\* Monday, July 7 at 6:30pm: *Alphabet SoUUp*

\* Thursday, July 10 at 6:30pm: *Music Night*

\* Friday, July 11 at 7:00pm: *QUUest, Jr. D&D*

\* Saturday, July 12 at 9:00am: *UUCG Men's Group*

### Alphabet SoUUp

A monthly discussion group and potluck social for LGBTQIA+ adults among the UUCG community!

Be you queer or questioning, you are welcome here. Come break bread, form connections, and enter into fabulous, curious, and compassionate discussion with us. Please bring a dish to share!

### Exploring Tending the Commons

What does “*tending the commons*” mean? The “commons” refers to resources that are shared by a community, rather than being privately owned. Examples include natural resources like air, water, forests, and fisheries, but can also extend to digital information and cultural heritage. “*The Tragedy of the Commons*”, popularized by Garrett Hardin, describes the situation where individuals acting in their own self-interest can deplete or degrade a shared resource, even when it's clear that doing so is detrimental to the group in the long run.

“*Tending to the Commons*” is a solution that utilizes establishing rules and regulations, promoting cooperation and collective action, monitoring and enforcement, and adapting and learning.

In essence, “Tending to the Commons” is about recognizing the value of shared resources and actively working to ensure their sustainability for the benefit of all.

### UU Values

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building six values with Love at the center. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

**Interdependence:** We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

**Pluralism:** We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

**Justice:** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

**Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world.

**Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

**Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



### 2024-2025 Program Year Survey

Please fill out the 2024-2025 Program Year Survey. Let us know what you liked, what you didn't like, and where you'd like to see us go in the year ahead.

**Why:**

Our congregational leaders will use your input to create our goals for August 2025-June 2026. Our shared question: How will we fulfill our mission—especially in these times—to live with Love at the Center, expressed in Curiosity, Courage, and Compassion?

**Who:**

We need everyone's feedback! The survey can be completed in 15 minutes.

In the last question, please put your name so we can follow up for clarity, conversation, and appreciation! Our different experiences are part of our faith.

**When:**

Survey closes on Sunday, July 13.

Scan the QR code to  
go to the survey

