

What Kind of Love Do We Carry? Annual Blessing of the Backpacks

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

Prelude	<i>Daybreak</i>	Barry Manilow
Singing #188	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i> 1x unison, 3x as a round	Words: Adapt. from Rumi Music: Lynn Adair Ungar
Welcome and Centering		Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting	<i>Created in the Image of Love Opening to the Light</i>	Karishma Gottfried SarahRuth Wekoye Davis
A Gift of Song	<i>We Will Carry Each Other</i> Soloists and choir, vv. 1-2	Soren Austenfeld
Blessing of the Backpacks	<i>What We Carry</i>	Christiana Fernandez-McQuain
A Gift of Song	<i>We Will Carry Each Other</i> Choir, vv. 3-4; congregation sings final chorus	Soren Austenfeld
Reading	<i>Doubling Down on Love</i>	Brené Brown
Music for Reflection	<i>He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother</i>	Bobby Scott & Bob Russell
Homily	<i>Our Love Is Inclusive and Defiant</i>	Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
Singing #1011	<i>Return Again</i>	Shlomo Carlebach
Meditation	<i>Returning to Love</i>	Candice Carver
Reprise #1011	<i>Return Again</i>	Shlomo Carlebach
Sharing Our Gifts	Offering shared with <i>Mosaic Georgia</i>	
Offertory	<i>I'm Still Here</i>	Stephen Sondheim
Gratitudes		
Call to Connection		
Anthem	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i>	Words: Gordon Light Music: Mark A. Miller
Closing Words	<i>Living the Love We Carry</i>	Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
Extinguishing Our Chalice		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

+Our plate is shared 50/50 with the quarterly plate recipient and UUCG.
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annual pledge contribution or today's plate recipient



UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

Events This Week

* in-person + online ~ off-site

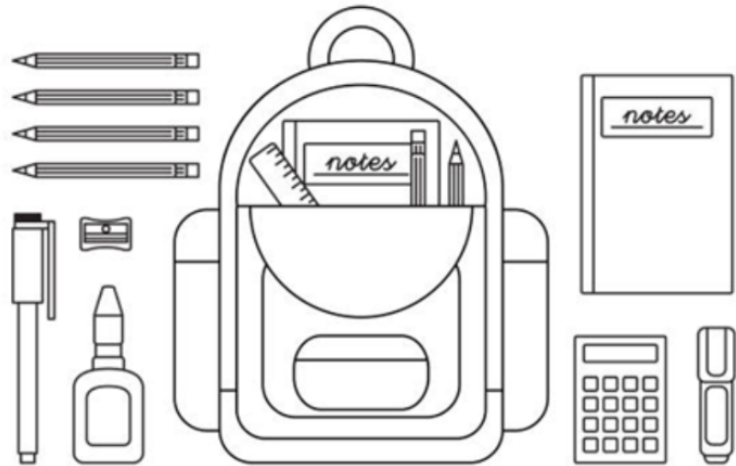
- *+ **Today at 12:30pm:** *Resisting Fascism*
- *+ Mon., Aug. 4 at 6:30pm: *Alphabet SoUUp*
- * Tue., Aug. 5 at 7:00pm: *Music Night*
- *+ Wed., Aug. 6 at 10:00am: *Yarns from the Heart*
- * Thur., Aug. 7 at 6:30pm: *Music Night*
- * Sat., Aug. 9 at 9:00am: *UUCG Men's Group*

Resisting Fascism

Centered on the content of the book *On Tyranny*, by Timothy Snyder, and facilitated by Steve Babb, this program is designed to open discussion about the peril our democracy is currently facing, and where we have agency to make a difference.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

Coloring Activity



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.



Words of Wisdom from Fred Rogers

"Often, when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else."

"Forgiveness is a strange thing. It can sometimes be easier to forgive our enemies than our friends. It can be hardest of all to forgive people we love. Like all of life's important coping skills, the ability to forgive and the capacity to let go of resentments most likely take root very early in our lives."

"Love and trust, in the space between what's said and what's heard in our life, can make all the difference in the world."

"The child is in me still and sometimes not so still."

"Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort."

"Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are is what gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people."

"There are three ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind.

The second way is to be kind.

The third way is to be kind."