

Practicing Resistance in Good Weather or Bad

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Prelude	<i>The White Cliffs of Dover</i>	Music by Walter Kent, Words by Nat Burton
Singing #1013	<i>Open My Heart</i>	Henry Flurry
Welcome and Centering		Bill Benshoof
Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting	<i>Bearer of Hope & Resistance A Flame to Light Our Path</i>	Rev. Michelle Collins Debra Burrell
Wonder Box Wisdom	<i>"Tree Throw"</i>	Bill Benshoof
Singing #1023	<i>Building Bridges</i>	Women of Greenham Common Quaker Round
Reading	<i>Inspired by the Resistance of a Dandelion Seed</i>	Rev. Michelle Collins
Anthem	<i>Blowin' In The Wind</i>	Bob Dylan
Homily	<i>Mapmaking</i>	Bill Benshoof
Meditation	<i>Taking Back Our Power</i>	Carol Underwood
Singing #146	<i>Soon the Day Will Arrive</i>	Ehud Manor Nurit Hirsch
Sharing Our Gifts	Offering shared with <i>the Society of Humane Friends of GA</i>	
Offertory	<i>Can You Hear the People Sing?</i>	From "Les Misérables" Music: Claude-Michel Schönberg, Lyrics: Alain Boublil and Herbert Kretzmer
Gratitudes		
Call to Connection		
Singing #157	<i>Step By Step The Longest March</i>	Irish Folk Song
Closing Words	<i>Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King</i>	Rev. Sofia Betancourt, PhD
Extinguishing Our Chalice		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

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annual pledge contribution or today's plate recipient



UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

Events This Week

* in-person, + online, ~ off-site

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| + Today at 12:30pm: | <i>"Good Trouble"</i> |
| + Mon, Jan. 26 at 7:00pm: | <i>Covenant Group A</i> |
| * Tue, Jan. 27 at 7:00pm: | <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> |
| + Tue, Jan. 27 at 7:30pm: | <i>Social Justice Tarot</i> |
| + Wed, Jan. 28 at 7:00pm: | <i>Book Group</i> |
| * Thu, Jan. 29 at 6:30pm: | <i>Music Night</i> |
| * Sat, Jan. 31 at 10:00am: | <i>The Open Circle</i> |
| * Sat, Jan. 31 at 6:00pm: | <i>Imbolc Ritual</i> |

Faith Formation Hour

"Good Trouble"

"Good Trouble" meets every fourth Sunday following the Worship Service at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Borrowing our title from the words of the late Congressman John Lewis, the "Good Trouble" program focuses on ways you can put your UU Values and Faith in Action to effect change in society. Join us to discuss the ways and areas in which we have agency to make a difference.

Today's topic is "Resistance and Roles".

Ways to Perform "Good Trouble"

Direct & Collective Action

- **Protests and Marches:** Large-scale mobilizations, such as the "Good Trouble Lives On" National Day of Action, organize citizens to take to streets and public squares to demand justice for civil rights, voting rights, and social programs.
- **Sit-ins and Civil Disobedience:** Principled, peaceful disruption of government or corporate spaces to force policy reform or recognition of human dignity.
- **Organized Boycotts:** Economically pressuring businesses or institutions that uphold discriminatory practices.

Advocacy & Systemic Change

- **Voter Mobilization:** Conducting voter registration drives and fighting against policies that disenfranchise vulnerable communities.
- **Educational Resistance:** Educators and students resisting censorship by teaching diverse histories (e.g., through Black Lives Matter at School's Week of Action) and using stories, music, and poetry to bypass curriculum restrictions.
- **Contacting Representatives:** Consistently engaging with elected officials to hold them accountable for legislative decisions.

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.



What is Kleptocracy

Kleptocracy, or "rule by thieves," is a globalized system where ruling elites exploit state institutions to steal public funds and resources, weakening democracy and economic development. These regimes hide illicit wealth in offshore accounts, real estate, and companies, often buying influence via the complicity of lawyers and accountants.

Key characteristics and risks of kleptocracy include:

- **Globalized Corruption:** Kleptocrats use complex, cross-border networks to launder money, often moving wealth into, and buying influence in, stable democratic nations (e.g., the U.S., U.K.).
- **Targeted Assets:** Wealth is often moved via high-value luxury goods, real estate, and shell companies designed to hide the true owner.
- **Red Flags:** Key warning signs include government contracts consistently awarded to the same entities, high-priced contracts, and public officials managing wealth not in line with their salary.
- **Impact:** Beyond economic theft, kleptocracy undermines democratic norms, fuels political instability, and can fund harmful foreign policies.

Combatting this requires enhanced transparency, stricter financial oversight, and addressing the "fixers"—the professionals who enable the laundering of these funds.