

# *Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*

*“Side With Love” or  
“Mirth and Dignity”*

*February 14, 2021*



**Two choices Sunday: From the UUA, “Side With Love”; or, from Saskatoon Unitarians in Saskatchewan, Canada, “Mirth and Dignity”. (Details Below)**

What if to "side with love" meant making bold, faith-full choices? What if it were even a little bit scary? This worship service brings together worship leaders and musicians from across the country to offer hopeful, moving, challenging reminders about what we, as Unitarian Universalists, are called to do, and BE, in the world. This service features a number of well-known UUA leaders, including President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. Rev. Erika Hewitt participates in the chalice lighting and extinguishing.

[Use this link](#) to watch the service at any time.

Join the UUA to watch the worship together on **Sunday, February 14th** at:

- View worship at [10am EST on Facebook](#)
- View worship at [10am EST on YouTube](#)
- View worship at [5pm EST on Facebook](#)
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**[Order of Service](#)**

## **Saskatoon Unitarians (11 a.m. Eastern)**

This Sunday, February 14th, we are invited to join the Saskatoon Unitarians (yep, in Saskatchewan, Canada, for a Mirth and Dignity themed service. Click [here](#) on February 14th at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time, 10:30 am Central Time to join in on the fun! Why are we invited to Saskatoon this Sunday? Glad you asked. Saskatoon Unitarians is the home congregation for the moderator of the Facebook group [Unitarian Universalist Hysterical Society](#). Some of you are familiar with the page, which has fun with our faith. In the Hysterical Society newsletter, which one of your worship elves subscribes to, was the invitation. The worship team agreed unanimously to include this option for Sunday.

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## **Upcoming Worship**

### **February 21: Andrea Greenwood, “Our Kind”**

There is a famous line in the Leonard Cohen song Anthem – “Forget your perfect offering, there is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.” It’s a sentiment urging us towards the acceptance of flaws, but I wonder sometimes about that light, and the direction it flows. Might the cracks we bear be how our light shines forth, too? Can human frailties – the things that mark us as different, or cause us pain -- actually be our strength and source of beauty?

February 28: **Choose Your Own Adventure**, venues TBA

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## **Pastoral Care**

A reminder that during this time without a minister, members of the fellowship in need of pastoral care can contact the co-chairs of the Care Committee, Sandy Barth (207 563 5565) and Joan Whitmire (207 350 6954), who can put them in contact with Rev. Charles Stephens.

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## Stewardship

[Pledge 2021 Link](#)

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## Mission Survey Update

**Mission Survey Update:** First off, thank you to the 25+ members and friends who have already weighed in on the mission! This is over half the membership of the Fellowship, but we are hoping to get feedback from as many members and friends as possible, so if you have not yet filled out the survey, you can do so here (<https://forms.gle/QaDV7WTLSX39Jfy8>) - it takes less than 10 minutes to fill out, and will help shape the next steps for our Fellowship in healing the structures and institutions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Social Justice

**Anti-racism Vigil:** Every Monday noon to 12:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park until further notice. Check [PUAR's Facebook page](#) for updates.

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## Religious Exploration

**This weekend is virtual RE time!**

This weekend, February 13 & 14, we have our next sessions for virtual Religious Exploration for children and youth. ChUUrchcraft World Religions is at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and we'll be doing a group check-in and see what teams have been doing in the realm; Spirit Play Story, The Snowy Day, is 9:30 a.m. Sunday; and Widen Your World Social Justice with youth is 4 p.m. on Sunday,

continuing our discussion on racism issues.

The February Books & Cooks Cultural Cooking packet is currently in production. Carney will send reminder links to each session.

Spread the Love: On Valentine's Day, pick someone (or some people) from the fellowship directory and call them to say "hi." Or if you are feeling creative, make a Valentine card (or several) and send them to some folks in the congregation. Mail has taken on a special meaning for many people, especially our children. So spread the love far and wide!

**Adult RE Opportunities:** [Click here for Adult Spiritual Development](#)

Opportunities in Social Justice (the document is also attached) to today's email.