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Countryside Church
Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell, Minister

September 27, 2026
What Makes a Good Congregation?

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–Order of Worship–

The music played as people gather is intended to settle us into our time of worship.

Gathering Music at 9:55 am *Opening Piece* from *Glassworks* by Philip Glass
Dr. Janice L. Razaq, piano

Welcome & Announcements at 10 am Rick Rayborn, Board member

Prelude *Song for a New Beginning* by Rolf Lovland
Karen Noorani, violin; Paul Schmidt, saw

Welcome/Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Chalice Lighting Lois Phillips

Covenant We unite to strengthen the bonds of kinship among all persons; to promote human dignity; and to increase reverence for life's creating, sustaining, and transforming power through worship, study, and service

Hymn # 1000 *Morning Has Come*

Message for All Ages *The Messiah is Among Us* by Father Francis Dorff
Read by Dr. Mary Shelden

Singing the Young People Out *Go Your Way in Peace* by Jim Scott

Our young people take the light of our chalice with them to their classes.

Go your way in peace, wander as you may.
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.

Sharing/Offering

Share the Plate: Half of today's undesignated offering will be donated to the Austin Scholars Program of Third Unitarian Church of Chicago, which provides scholarships to students who live in Austin, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago. Donations can be made by:

Hymns below #1000 are in grey hymnal Hymns #1000 & above are in teal hymnal

- cash or check in the offering plate (envelopes are available on the hymnal carts); OR
- Use the QR code below or go to https://bit.ly/CCUUgive, create a profile & follow on screen instructions; OR
- text $XX to 844-781-1406, where XX is the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register.

Musical Offering *A Blown – Away Leaf* by Leoš Janáček

Meditation/Quieting Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Joys and Concerns Lisa Christensen, Lay Minister

Reflection Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Lois Phillips

Message *What Makes a Good Congregation?* Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Anthem *The Beginning of Love* by Greg Gilpin

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of its truth,
the warmth of this community, nor the fire of our commitment.
These we carry in our hearts and share with all the world.
~ Elizabeth Selle Jones

Hymn *We Rise* by Batya Levine

Benediction Rev. Dr. Farrell

EVACUATION DRILL

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Share-the-Plate: This morning, we share half the offering with the Austin Scholars Program of Third Unitarian Church of Chicago, which is located in the heart of Austin, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago. Third Unitarian is to be commended for starting this program more than 50 years ago to encourage students who live in Austin to attend 2 or 4-year college programs. It is impossible to overstate this church's commitment to Austin. https://www.austinscholars.org/

Thank you to:

- Worship Associate: Lois Phillips
- Greeter(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Usher(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Coffee Host: David Williams

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A Welcoming Congregation
Green Sanctuary

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