

# UUCVH March

## Newsletter

March 5, 2024



## Sunday Services for March

We are moving to a new approach for Sunday Services as we move into a Fellowship model for the congregation. You can see below, different people are leading the different Sundays. We are asking everyone for ideas and participation. Got a favorite topic, hymn, Ted Talk, friend that plays music, know someone with an interesting life story? Please bring them to the Worship committee led by Howard Richman. We encourage everyone to participate in the ideas and the services as much as possible. Please give us your feedback so we can make this the best for all.

**March 10** – Continuing to highlight the UU Principles - Howard Richman will lead a discussion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle and its proposed Values. **3<sup>rd</sup> Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. **Generosity :** We cultivate a spirit of Gratitude and Hope. We consent to freely share our faith, presence and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships on interdependence and mutuality.

**March 17** – St Patrick’s Day hosted by Howard Richman

**March 24** - Palm Sunday hosted by Anne Marotto

**March 31** – Spring, Easter, Passover, Ostara presented by Ann K, Valarie Weston, Mary M

**Teranga Ranch Workshops continue Wed at 7-9 PM. March 6, 13, 20.**

## It’s March and Spring is in the Air President’s Column

Spring is in the air. The irises are popping up almost overnight in our garden. I love the delicate, frilly blooms. Always a sign of spring for me.

I hope everyone had a good time at the Friendship dinners. Thanks to Terrie, Howard, Anne M and Madeline for opening their homes for good food and good friendships.

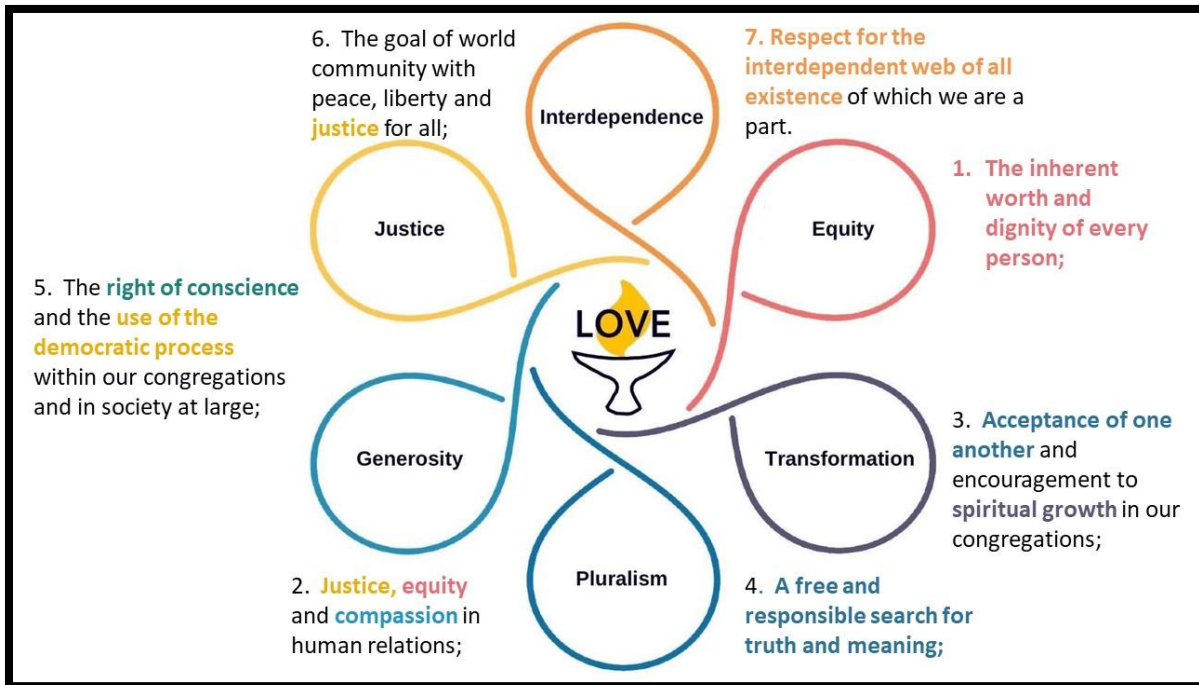
This year is the year of spring state primaries. Churches aren’t allowed to be partisan but we can support people for voting. Madeline is organizing postcard writing again this year. She is partnering with the Democratic club and Ignatius West groups. Check with her on how you can help get out the vote. We also volunteered again to be a polling place for the fall election.

In celebration of the Spring Equinox, we have a new group sharing our space, The Temple of Witchcraft. The Temple of Witchcraft is an official 501.3c religious organization with over 10,000 members worldwide. They partner frequently with UU churches, holding 8 Saturday services a year based on the changing of the seasons. The Spring Equinox or Ostara celebration is planned for early evening on March 23. All are welcome but registration is appreciated. Check out the flyer.

Ostara is a time when we recognize the greening of the Earth herself, and the growing tides of life, and light in each other. The next weekend is Easter which is also about growing the light of our spirits. This March, I wish you all more light in your life.

## 7 Principles and 7 Values

Last Sunday we explored the proposed UUA By-laws changes of replacing the 7 Principles with 7 Values anchored in Love. Here are the 7 Principles with the 7 Values. We plan to explore each over the next few months.



### BOARDROOM BRIEFS

#### THE UUCVH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET FOR 3 HOURS. HERE IS YOUR 3 MINUTE RECAP

- The UUVH Board of Directors met on February 18, 2024.
- The Finance committee reported that the Pledge Drive would begin on April 7.
- The Membership Committee reported that Friendship Dinners in members' homes were scheduled for February 24 and that a new membership directory was being prepared.
- The Nominating Committee reported that it has been meeting and is preparing a slate of officers for Congregational vote at the Annual Meeting.
- The Property Management Committee reported that the construction of the safety fence on the south edge of the parking lot was completed and that it will be painted when the weather permits.
- The By-Laws committee reported that the by-laws review had been completed and that the recommended revisions will be presented to the Board at a special meeting where a congregational vote on changes will be scheduled.


- The Sunday Services director reported that congregational singing had been reinstated during Sunday Services and that the Sunday Service Squad will be meeting February 29 to plan future services.
- The Outreach director reported that the 6th Anniversary of the HUUT was presented on February 17.
- The progress of the different Suggestion Box projects was reviewed. The Annual Meeting along with a catered meal was set for June 2.
- It was announced that Mary & Marty are researching expert recommendations for updating the church's Tech infrastructure.
- The use of our building as a polling place is being arranged.
- The next regular Board meeting was set for Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 in Friendship Hall.

**Spring Equinox Celebration at UUCVH Saturday March 23 3-5 PM. Presented by Scott K Smith of Temple of Witchcraft. Preregistration required. \$10 for UUCVH members, \$20 for Non-members.**

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/ankj7uehmsokT5QBA>

**Star and Stone:** <https://starandstonellc.com/2024/02/28/ostara-the-spring-equinox-ritual-los-angeles/>

**Temple of Witchcraft on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/863742102186593>



**Celebrate the Spring Equinox**  
 March 23, 2024 Temple of Witchcraft Los Angeles

You are invited to join us as we celebrate Ostara in a community ritual event of turning of the Wheel of the Year, and make magick on the Spring Equinox.

This in-person ritual will bring us together with the magick of spring greening. We will work with the energies of growth through seeds, stones, and sounds, in a magickal circle, and guided vision.

UU Church of the Verdugo Hills  
 4451 Dunsmore Ave  
 Glendale, CA 91214

March 23rd, 2024 3-5 pm  
 Ticket: \$20.00

Preregistration is required.  
 Ritual garb (robes, cloak, etc.) recommended, but not required

Register at: [StarAndStoneLLC.com](https://StarAndStoneLLC.com)