Hi UU Churchers!

I wanted to give you a few details about this Sunday's All Ages Brunch Church Service, as we celebrate the arrival of the summer season at UUCC, break bread together, and wish each other a nourishing and refreshing summer!

We hope this information will help everyone access the service in the way that works for them. Please join us whether you can bring food or not. There will be plenty.

For those who usually join us online, our worship associate Lili Johnstone will be hosting a <u>brunch table Zoom meeting!</u> The usual Zoom webinar link will *not* work, and we will not be livestreaming to Facebook or recording. Please use this <u>meeting link</u>.

When you arrive at church, you will encounter the usual greeter table in the greeting area, but the potluck tables we often use will NOT be in the greeting area. Rather, there will be tables set up along the windows at the back of the sanctuary for our potluck food items. Please drop off any food you have brought directly at the tables in the back, where there will also be blank ingredient lists and serving utensils. Please pair your dish with a completed list of ingredients and an appropriate serving utensil.

Then, you can find a seat! The sanctuary will be set up with large square tables (two rectangles put together) covered in butcher paper, and plenty of space to navigate between. Each table will have a collection of crayons and markers, a small chalice, a vase of water, and stones. Children and adults alike are very welcome to doodle and write on the table covers throughout the service. Before we eat, we will sing a few songs together, light our chalices at our tables, share stones of joys and sorrows at our table, and share a community joys and sorrows prayer. This is an All Ages Service, and children at your table may be especially eager to help with lighting the chalice and sharing the stones.

When it is time to eat, we will release tables one at a time to get food from the potluck tables. If little ones find it hard to wait, their grown ups can help them get food when needed! While other tables are gathering food and beginning to eat, each table will have a set of reflection questions to engage, either through conversation with one another or through solo reflection, including writing or doodling on the table cover.

Once everyone has food, we will pause for a moment together to take a mindful sip and/or mindful bite, truly bringing ourselves fully into the act of sharing nourishment together. We will also create and share collective blessings for one another.

When we have concluded the formal part of our gathering with a benediction, those who wish are welcome to stay and continue in the spirit of our monthly potluck or depart whenever you need.

We hope this Brunch Church experience will be a delicious start to our summer, and our usual worship format will resume the following week with our Pride Service on June 8.

See you in church! Molly

Rev. Molly (she/her/hers) Housh Gordon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Brunch Church!

Time: Jun 1, 2025 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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