



# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks

## May 25, 2023

### This Week's Service



**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**  
*In-Person & streamed live from the sanctuary*

Please join Worship Associate Lee Fallon and Musician Nancy Byrne for "Circle of Peace and Remembrance (and Picnic)", as we remember our loved ones on Memorial Day. During Joys and Sorrow attendees may bring a photo to be placed on our table with a short remembrance of that loved one. After the shortened service, please join us outdoors for a 15 minute Peace and Remembrance circle.



**Following the service: Please join us for the picnic, RAIN or SHINE!** We still could use a few more items. Sign up [HERE](#)



**To join us online this Sunday:**  
[FOLLOW THIS LINK.](#)  
Meeting ID: 838 0045 3066 Passcode: 097426

To join by phone (audio only): 1 301 715 8592



This month, a portion of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to **UU Storm Recovery**, UUCOB's internal cause for local and/or regional UU members, friends and associated organizations facing challenges in storm recovery. If you are not able to attend the service in-person, you may contribute online [HERE](#).

### News & Notes



**Programming Committee Survey**  
**To all Members & Friends of UUCOB:**  
The Programming Committee holds monthly meetings where they brainstorm, create, and arrange for Sunday Service topics of interest to our UUCOB community. **They are asking for everyone's help in filling out this important survey. You can do it online:** <https://uucob.org/survey/> **If you would rather use pen & paper, there are printed copies on the table along the side wall (by closet doors) in the sanctuary.**



**Annual Pledge Drive. Together We Thrive.**  
**Please remember to make a pledge.** Your financial support helps us to continue our mission: *fostering wonder, creating connections, nurturing hope, and working for justice.*

This year there is an easy to use online option to fill out your pledge form. And, if you choose to, you can even pay online with a credit card on the schedule you choose. [Fill out your pledge online HERE.](#)

Or...pick up a Pledge Form in the back of the sanctuary.

### Connect with UUCOB

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### From the Desk of Rev. Roger



In 1841, Theodore Parker, one of our Unitarian forebears, delivered a powerful and important sermon called "The Transient and Permanent in Christianity." It was an ordination sermon that endures as a powerful statement of our faith.

If you'd like to read it, check it out here: [Theodore Parker Ordination Speech](#)

It invites reflection on questions of what endures. What is it within liberal religious thought that is with us for the long haul.

What is common to both our Unitarian heritage in 1841 and our lived Unitarian Universalist faith today?

Many things of course. One that I'd like to lift up today is the idea that we are called in every age to test the spirits of the age. We must be a voice for reason, imagination, tolerance, freedom, and the liberation of all. In every age.

Right now, there are forces that would turn us toward an authoritarian way of life.

As long as the liberal religious tradition is alive, we are invited to stand against such authoritarian impulses and stand for democracy and freedom.

The voices on the right are getting stronger. Ours must remain steadfast and true.

Thank you for being a presence in North Carolina and the United States, UUCOB. Let's join our forces with others who share our values and continue to cry out for freedom and liberation.

### On the Calendar



**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 2:30pm**  
**UU Justice NC presents a virtual workshop with Paula Cole Jones, co-author of the [8th Principle](#) and serves on the [Article 2 Study Commission](#).**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 am**  
The UUCOB Annual Meeting will take place following the service. This is a congregational membership meeting that requires a quorum to conduct the adoption of a new annual budget and elect new Board members. **All UUCOB members are encouraged to attend.**



**Family Services - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month**  
Please join us for our monthly Family Service, a shortened service with family-centered themes.  
**After the service:**  
**For children:** Religious Education with UU-themed activities revolving around the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism.  
**And for the adults:** Coffee and conversation

Mark your calendar!

**Next Family Service: Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> (followed by the Annual Meeting)**



Please see our [Calendar](#) for all meetings and events.

**Monthly Group Meetings:** For information on monthly Covenant Groups, please visit our website: <https://uucob.org/> and click on *Small Group Ministries* on the menu.