

Upcoming Worship Focus - July 19, 2026

**Reclaiming the Sacred: How Kind Spirit Found Me
Bernal Cruz**

The long shadow of colonization brought my people Catholic Christianity, and in that history it became the dominant spiritual framework around me, overlaying but never fully replacing ancestral connections to the earth and the cosmos. Over time, this tension opened a path of questioning, reflection, and the slow work of decolonizing my understanding of the sacred. Along the way, earth-based spiritual practices and ancestral wisdom have deepened my relationship with Kind Spirit and my celestial family who accompany and guard my path. This is a reflection on how Kind Spirit has found me and what that encounter continues to mean in my life here at this church and beyond.

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Our Minister and Staff

Minister: Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Community Minister Emerita: Rev. Sue Ayer

Music Director: Raymond Elliott

Accompanist: Alex Frazier

Religious Exploration Coordinator: Christine Hinderer



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In-Person Service

On-line Service: <https://uuccwc.org/zoom-worship/>



UCCWC Vision Statement

A welcoming, liberal religious community
where we care for and encourage each other to

Free the Mind

Grow the Spirit

Reach out to the World

Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 10:00 am

Prelude Doug Hoskisson

Gathering

Singing Bowl Pamela Midyett

Congregational Life Pamela Midyett

Welcome Verse from *Music for Young Americans*
Pamela Midyett

Opening Hymn #170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*¹

Opening Words from the rock band, Queen
Kevin Rex

Nurturing Our Community

Chalice Lighting *Let Us Dare*, by Craig Rowland
David Einbender

Time for All Ages *Summer Is Here*, by Renee Watson
Christine Hinderer (via video)

Singing the Children Out *As You Go*, by Kathleen Tracy

We hold you in our love as you go, as you go.

May your heart be at peace as you go.

To nurture the spark of your precious life,

We hold you in our love as you go.

Joys and Concerns Pamela Midyett

Meditation Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Offering Words Pamela Midyett

Exploring

Special Music *Loved You*, by Cheyenne Herlandstein
Cheyenne Herlandstein and Kim Stein

Reflective Reading from the journal of Kevin Rex,
100 words on "The Birds and the Bees"
Kevin Rex

Sermon A Straight Man's Eulogy Turned Gay
Kevin Rex

Returning

Closing Hymn #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

Closing Words from Leo Buscaglia
Kevin Rex

Chalice Extinguishing from *A Shared Path*, by Craig Rowland
David Einbender

Invitation to Fellowship Pamela Midyett

Postlude Doug Hoskisson

Thank you to today's additional helpers

Zoom Host: John Sharp

Producer: Darolyn Wylie

Sound Tech: Dee Cooper

Board Member on Duty: John Sharp

Usher/Greeters: Matt DePlois and Emme DePlois

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Max Olfert and Alison Hills

RE Volunteers: Rebecca Glass-Marshall and Vicki Lollis

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