

## **The Grace of Allurement**

"When life does not in any way add up, we must turn to the part of us that never wanted a life of simple calculation." – David Whyte

"We think we know what the human being is, but we are not a fixed species. We, too, are evolving."

To my treasured partners on the Path,

Some years ago I made a pilgrimage to France. Places that had allured and enchanted me for a very long time called to me. I yearned to be up front and personal with the brilliance of the architecture of the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral; with the extraordinary art collection in the Louvre; to walk along the Seine; be in the presence of the miracle-working power of Lourdes; and walk the famed labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral. The devotion and dedication required to produce such works boggled my mind—the inspiration, creativity, commitment and faith that inspired the creators. They had to believe in an outcome that far surpassed the effort necessary in order to pursue it.

Similarly, our very soul is wired to seek heaven—a beautiful, fruitful, meaningful and contributory life. Heaven relentlessly seeks the deepest kind of relationship



with us. Heaven lives within us. Although we came from the union of our parents, we began in the mind of God. The road to heaven is paved with challenges. They are not meant to stop us, but to grow us into the dazzling, enchanting persons that we are in our heart of hearts—who our Creator meant us to be.

Lent is the most potent time of the year to rewire our consciousness with heaven. It sure is a rigorous education. As they say, "practice makes perfect." During this month, I am challenging myself to be rigorous about the practice of letting go of what gets in the way of heaven in my thinking, emotions and life. I hope you will join me. The outcome is so

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# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30am Women's Group
<b>3</b> 10:30am <i>Allurement</i> Rev Sharon Connors <b>Prayer Chaplain Dedication</b> 11:45 Fellowship	<b>4</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>5</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Billie Shawl 5pm Enrichment Circle, Linda Cogdill 5pm Healing Hands	<b>6</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am Enrichment Circle, Rev Sharon	<b>7</b> 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Rev Billie 6pm OA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30am Angel Workshop
<b>10</b> 10:30am <i>What's Up With This?</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship 12:15 Healing Session in Fillmore Room 12:30 Prayer Chaplain Meeting	<b>11</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>12</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Billie Shawl 5pm Enrichment Circle, Linda Cogdill	<b>13</b> 10:30am Enrichment Circle, Rev Sharon 6pm Sound Healing Meditation	<b>14</b> 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Rev Billie 6pm OA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> 10:30am <i>The Wizardry of Rewiring</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45 Fellowship 	<b>18</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>19</b> 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Billie Shawl 5pm Enrichment Circle, Linda Cogdill 5pm Healing Hands	<b>20</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am Enrichment Circle, Rev Sharon	<b>21</b> 9am Outreach Knit & Crochet 9am Men's Group Breakfast 10:30am AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  10:30am <i>There IS a Yellow Brick Road</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon Board Mtg Noon Silk Flower Workshop with Susi & Michelle	<b>25</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>26</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Billie Shawl 5pm Enrichment Circle, Linda Cogdill	<b>27</b> 10:30am Enrichment Circle, Rev Sharon 6pm Holy Week 12-Power & Sound Healing Meditation and Labyrinth Walk	<b>28</b> 10:30am AA 1:30pm Enrichment Circle, Rev Billie 6pm OA	<b>29</b> Good Friday	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:30am <i>Dazzling &amp; Enchanting</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45 Fellowship Easter Brunch						

## March Birthdays

5—LaVonne Rasmusson  
7—Floencia Hitch  
9—Dee Shores  
11—Susy Kocherhans

11—Jan Weidner  
15—Eileen Barber

16—Carolyn Calkins  
19—Bill Cogdill  
26—Rev. Billie Martini  
30—Laura Kostyo

### Mission Statement:

To teach and demonstrate principles that inspire people to live their greatest life through discovering Spirit within.

### Vision Statement:

Advance spiritual growth in our community and our world by expressing love for all, acceptance of all and service to all.

## The Easter Season

† **Easter Lilies:** Come to the bookstore to purchase your lilies beginning March 10th. Your lilies will be used to beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning, and to dedicate this lovely symbol of the season to your loved one(s). Dedications will be shown on the screens on Easter morning. Then after our Easter service the lilies are yours to take home..

† **Palm Sunday:** March 24<sup>th</sup> begins Holy Week, traditionally the most holy time of the year. Whatever we have been working to release fights for its life, symbolized by Judas, who represents the way we can sell out on ourselves. Palm Sunday can stand for our resilience. It is an opportunity to see how we unknowingly get in our own way. It can stand for our realization of our true, magnificent character.

† **Enrichment Circles** continue through Maundy Thursday, which falls on March 28<sup>th</sup>, which is when Rev. Billie's group ends, completing our Lenten Enrichment Circles.

† **Holy Week Meditation & Labyrinth Walk** on Holy Wednesday, which is March 27<sup>th</sup>, will be a special, solemn service, a powerful, deep 12-Power, Sound Healing meditation in our sanctuary, followed by a sacred labyrinth walk under the Waning Gibbous Moon.

† **This all leads to EASTER SUNDAY! Join us at 10:30 on the morning of March 31<sup>st</sup> for a Dazzling and Enchanting Easter, filled with music, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.** Then plan to stay and fellowship over a delicious Easter luncheon including ham and scalloped potatoes.

## Let's make a Fascinator Hat for Easter! Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Join us to make a fascinator hat to wear on Easter. We will provide the headband base and have some ribbon of various colors, white ostrich feathers (one per person), netting (white, pink and yellow), and silk flowers available. Bring a glue gun and any extra baubles or ribbon you would like on your fascinator hat.

- ◆ Class Limited to 10 people
- ◆ Fee \$5 at event to pay for supplies
- ◆ Meet in the Serendipity Room following our Sunday Celebration Service
- ◆ Hosted by Susi Fisher and Michelle Tissot



## A Course of Love

**Goes Beyond A Course in Miracles**

**Tuesdays @ 10:30am**

**Meets in the Fillmore Classroom**

## Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Certified Sound Healing Practitioner, Yoga Teacher and Reiki Master, Emily Slonina will lead a Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation. This is a public event; no yoga experience required. Bring a blanket or yoga mat and pillow if you like to lay down. And bring WATER! *Love Offering \$10.*

## Volunteer of the Month Doug Krause

Doug sure knows how to get involved... body, heart and spirit! Doug has taken every class offered since he began coming to Unity Spiritual Center in March of 2022. He was inducted as a member in July 2022. What a great way to get to know everyone! Plus he became an usher almost immediately... another great way to get to know other congregants and to become part of this community! He has since "graduated" to Head Usher. Doug is always willing to jump in and serve — whether the project is large or small. At our annual meeting he was elected to a three-year term on our board of trustees, where he has agreed to be the board treasurer. He is co-chairing our April 26th Dinner Dance, and has served on several committees for us. And, of course, he is always willing to rise to the occasion to help out where needed. Thank you, Doug!

**Save the Date!**

**Enchanted Evening**

**April 26**

**Dinner, Drinks, Dancing**

**Silent Auction, Raffle**





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worth the effort. I'm counting on grace to help me along the way and you can, too.

With Love,  
Rev. Sharon

### **Angel Workshop** **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to Noon**

Do you believe in angels? Would you like to talk to them and get guidance for your life? If so, then join Intuitive Healer & Reader Sandra Hurlbut for some ideas on how to connect to your angels, and experience a short "live streaming" session with Archangel Micheal and the angelic realm. Saturday, March 9th, from 10:30 - 12:00. Register in church lobby or bookstore.

### **In-Person Energy Healing By Healing Hands Ministry** **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm**

Interested in learning more about our Healing Hands ministry? Join the Healing Hands energy healers after service for a live look at the healers' process. Multiple healers will be present to work in tandem on healing whoever is interested in experiencing the blessings of energy healing. Sign up in the church lobby or bookstore.

### **Women's Group Rising** **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am**

The program for March will be The Law of Attraction, presented by Nancy Minister and followed by a potluck luncheon. All women are invited... membership not necessary.

### **Men's Group Breakfast** **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am**

All men are invited to the Men's Group on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Bobby's Café, 15472 N 99th Avenue in Sun City. That's in the strip mall at the northwest corner of 103rd & 99th Avenues. (That's where 103rd Ave turns into Greenway.) Sign up in the sanctuary lobby or bookstore. Contact Ken Weidner with questions: KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

### **Power of the Month: Strength**

In his book, Keep a True Lent, Charles Fillmore tells us, "Strength is freedom from weakness, stability of character, power to withstand temptation. It is the force or power to do, capacity to accomplish." Rigorous strength of soul shines brilliantly and regally in the face of darkness. This is the power of spiritual strength, and it's in everyone of us! The Apostle Andrew represents the Power of Strength, which vibrates spring green.



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#### **Ministers**

Rev. Sharon Connors, Sr. Minister  
Rev. Lei Lanni Burt, Assoc Minister  
Rev. Billie Martini, Assoc. Minister

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