

Found or Revisited Sermon or Essay Proposal

This form will expand as you type in your answers so you may be as detailed as seems necessary. If you are working from a hard copy of this form, please copy the questions into an email with your responses. Be sure to type "UUBR PROPOSAL" in the subject line.

*The sermon or essay you'd like to propose for a service may be in **text** or video format.
POSSIBLE SOURCES for discovering a sermon or essay to share and discuss with the congregation:*

www.uua.org/worship/words/sermon
<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/homily>
www.uua.org/midamerica/resources/sermons
<https://clfuu.churchcenter.com/channels/10247/series>
<https://tetw.org/Life>

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Thank you for your interest in proposing a UUBRidge Sunday service! So that the Services Committee can understand and respond to your proposal, please answer the questions below. Then email this completed form to Will or Sue Daniels (daniels281@comcast.net) or Kathryn Treanor (kandbtreanor@gmail.com) *Before completing your proposal, please review our "Presentation Guidelines" which can be found following the questions on this form.*

1. What is the title of the sermon or essay you propose for viewing and discussion by the congregation?
2. Briefly, what is the sermon or essay about?
3. Is the sermon or essay in video, podcast, or transcript format?
4. Which of the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism do you think is relevant to the content?
5. Why do you personally find this sermon or text appealing and worth sharing?
6. Would you want to schedule the sharing and discussion of this sermon or essay on a specific date or during a specific season?
7. Would you be willing to introduce the sermon and lead the discussion following or would you prefer someone else do that?

UUBRidge Presentation Guidelines

About lay presentations

Presentations cover a broad range of topics and may be given in a variety of formats, such as such as a video discussion; a community conversation; a discussion of a revisited sermon or essay; a guided experience; or a talk or presentation. We are open to other formats as well.

A typical UUBRidge presentation may challenge us to think in new ways about familiar subjects; inform us about issues and problems of society and our planet; teach us about the underpinnings of Unitarian Universalism or other spiritual traditions; encourage us to explore our personal values; or broaden our compassion and understanding by learning about the lives of others.

Guidelines for lay presentations

1. Please limit yourself to about 25 minutes to allow time for comments and discussion after your presentation. If you prefer to have no follow-up conversation, your presentation may go a bit longer, but the expectation is to end the service by 11:30. Please be mindful of the time.
2. At the core of Unitarian Universalist beliefs are societal concerns such as justice, equity, freedom, compassion, environmental concern, and individual human dignity. While heart-felt discussion of public policy, as relates to these concerns, is consistent both with UU principles and with these Guidelines, we ask presenters to refrain from singling out by name specific public figures.
3. We seek presentations that are in harmony with the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and ask presenters to indicate the compatibility of their topic with one or more of these principles, which are listed below:
 - 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
 - 2) Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
 - 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
 - 4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
 - 5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
 - 6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
 - 7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.