

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

What We Don't

Talk About

At a CUUF Goods and Service Auction, the highest bidder got to choose the topic of this Sermon. In the movie "Encanto," the Madrigal family did not talk about Uncle Bruno. The family is healed, and their home is saved when Bruno comes out of hiding, and they talk about him in new ways. What is it that we UUs don't want to talk about, why not, and what would happen if we did?

Service Leader: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Celebrant: Pat Whitfield

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Gathering Music: excerpt from "Bourrée d'Auvergne" by Paul Bazelaire

Welcome: Pat Whitfield

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement: Pat Whitfield

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: "Teach Me" by Heather Pierson

Call to Worship: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Chalice Lighting: Unison Words & led by Pat Whitfield

LEADER: When we feel lost in a chaotic world -

ALL: *May the light of our chalice show us our path.*

LEADER: When we are afraid of these times we live in -

ALL: *May the light of our chalice give us courage.*

LEADER: When we despair at the injustice and cruelty around us -

ALL: *May the light of our chalice recall us to a faithful hope.*

Centering

Time For all Ages: "Words Are for Not Hurting" by Elizabeth Verdick. – shared by Pat Whitfield

Singing the Children to Class:

Now, go with each other to find meaning in the spirit of love that we share.

Sharing and Honoring: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Reflective Music: "Chanson d'Alsace" by P. Bazelaire – performed by Cathie Lau & Ken Hunnicutt

Silent Meditation or Prayer: "Bring Many Names" led by Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Seeking Wisdom and Inspiration

Sermon: "What We Don't Talk About" by Reverend Thomas Perchlik

Musical Response: "I Would Be True" by John Rutter; adapted by Larry Tobiska – performed by CUUF Choir & Ken Hunnicutt

Returning to the World

Offering: Pat Whitfield

Offertory Music: "Ave Maria" by J.S. Bach/Gounod – performed by Cathie Lau & Ken Hunnicutt

Closing Congregational Song: STLT #151, "I Wish I Knew How"

Benediction: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Chalice Extinguishing: Unison words & led by Pat Whitfield

We extinguish this flame,

but not the light of truth,

the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts, and embody in our lives,

Until we are together again.

Closing Song: "Carry the Flame"

Coffee Hour

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