

# 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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