

## Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship March 29, 2026

**Potluck is March 29. The entrée is ham. The following Weekend is Easter, so you might want to keep that in mind if you have a favorite dish.**

**Welcoming Music 10:45 am:** *The Back Porch Folk Singers:* Man of Constant Sorrow, Catfish John, Come All Ye Fair and Tender Ladies, Four Green Field, Workin' 9 to 5, I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow (Soggy Bottom Boys version)

### **11 am Meeting**

**Greetings and call to Gather:** President, *Mary Anderson*

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Chalice Lighting** *Bellamy Watson*

**Collection Selection:** *The Back Porch Folk Singers*, Amazing Grace (Sing Along)

**2nd Unitarian Principle:** We covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

**Reading -** *Juanie Noland*

**Moment of Silence**

**Introduction of Program -**

**Program: Jacqueline Allen Trimble “Why Poetry Matters in an Unjust World”**

Even though empathy has been said to be detrimental, it is in fact what makes us human, bends the arc of the universe toward justice, champions equity, and encourages our compassion for each other. Poetry has long been a reflection of that empathy. It is often our earliest interaction with language and teaches us what is required, while challenging and calling out our baser impulses. Poetry matters in an unjust world.

Jacqueline Allen Trimble is the Poet Laureate of Alabama, a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellow (Poetry), a Cave Canem Fellow, and a two-time Alabama State Council on the Arts Literary Fellow. Her poetry has appeared in numerous journals including *POETRY*, *The Louisville Review*, *The Offing*, *Salvation South* and *Poet Lore*. Her work has been widely anthologized, most notably in Kwame Alexander's *This is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poetry*, and has been featured by the Poetry Foundation's Poem of the Day, American Academy of Poets' Poem-a-Day, and Poetry Daily.

### **This Week at FUF March 29 – April 5, 2026**

**Sunday:** March 29, Potluck 12:15

**Monday:** Open Uke Jam, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Tuesday:** Men's group, Kind Café, Fairhope, 9:00 am

**Wednesday:** The Back Porch Folk Singers practice, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

**Thursday:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30

**Thursday:** WOW Women of Wisdom 11:00

**Thursday:** Thursday Club, 5:00-7:00 pm, Market by the Bay  
on Church Street

**Sunday:** April 5, Easter Sunday

**Next Week 4/5/26**

***“Easter Circle: New Beginnings”***

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we will have a circle to share our experiences with “new beginnings.”

Easter is one of the highlights of the Christian traditions. Celebrating Easter in the spring denotes new awakenings of nature. The Easter Bunny is a folkloric symbol of Easter that brings eggs. Easter eggs symbolize new life, rebirth, and even resurrection, with traditions dating back to ancient fertility rites and early Christian practices. To use “resurrection” in a non-secular sense means “the revitalization or revival of something.” Most of us have at one time or another time been “revitalized” or felt “renewed.” We hope to recall and share how it happened and what it meant to us.