

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship June 21, 2026

Please note: due to the live broadcast schedule, the time will be one hour earlier. The musical prelude will begin at 9:45am and the Sunday program **will begin at 10:00am.**

UUA General Assembly, Live-Streamed

Join us as we livestream the 2026 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly Sunday program, part of the UUA's annual gathering that brings together Unitarian Universalists from across the country. This year's virtual "Everywhere GA" format offers an opportunity for connection, reflection, music, and inspiration as we gather together at the Fellowship to participate in the experience as a community. The 2026 Sunday program will feature Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu.

The Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu (she/her) serves the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, arriving in 2021 while the building was still closed and the congregation was finding its way back to one another. Born in Seoul and raised in Ohio, she found Unitarian Universalism as a young adult in Baltimore and was drawn to a faith that honors both the tough mind and the tender heart.

After years of lay leadership, she entered seminary in 2002, then spent nearly a decade in parish ministry with the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, alongside service at the district level and on the UUMA Board. Her vocational path later led her into healthcare chaplaincy, where she specialized in oncology care and earned board certification. Working as a staff chaplain in Charleston deepened her pastoral skills and broadened her interest in spiritual care research.

In the wake of the pandemic, Rev. Ryu felt called back to the parish and to the rhythms of a multigenerational community. This year, she celebrates the 20th anniversary of her ordination with a steady conviction that our liberal faith, practiced with honesty and love, changes lives for the good.

This Week at FUF – June 21 - June 27, 2026

Sunday, June 21 – *Happy Father's Day!*

9:45am—Prelude Music

10:00am—Program Begins

Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, June 22

12:00-2:00pm—*Eastern Shore Strings Summer Class*

2:00-4:00pm—Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, June 23

9:00am—Men's Group, Kind Café in Fairhope

4:30pm—FUF Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

12:00-2:00pm—*Eastern Shore Strings Summer Class*

3:00-4:30pm—Back Porch Folk Singers Practice

Thursday, June 25

11:00am—WoW (Women of Wisdom)

4:30pm—FUF Fiction Club

5:00-7:00pm—Thursday Group (contact Michael Patrick for current meeting location)

5:30-8:00pm—*ESD Groups*

Saturday, June 27

10:30am—*Sallie's Ashes* Free Screening

6:00pm—Game Night

Next Week's Program June 28, 2026

Victoria Taylor, Director of AIDB Mobile Regional Center – “What Compassion Sounds Like: Creating Spaces of Equity and Understanding”

Grounded in the Unitarian Universalist principle of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, this talk explores what it means to create a world where every person is fully seen, understood, and supported. Drawing from my work with individuals who are Deaf, Blind, and DeafBlind, I will highlight both the human experience of access and the role of AIDB services that support independence, communication, and dignity. The talk is designed to move from awareness to action within a community context.

Victoria Taylor serves as the Director of the Mobile Regional Center for the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, where she leads community-based services for individuals who are Deaf, Blind, DeafBlind, or experiencing hearing and vision differences. As the hearing daughter of Deaf parents and a trained historian, Victoria brings both personal insight and diverse professional expertise to

conversations about access, dignity, and belonging. Her work focuses on helping individuals and families connect to the services, tools, and support they need to live fully in their communities.

Potluck will follow the program on Sunday, June 28