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## March 2022: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

*Welcoming Congregation*

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### The Bridge

No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during this time. The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it. We will continue to wear face coverings, socially distance and wash our hands.

**March 6, 2022: "The King of Instruments"** – Jimmy Merritt – From the greatest Cathedral to the humblest of rural churches, the Organ has been present for centuries as an instrument to the faithful. This service will explore the history of our humble Hammond T-200 series instrument.

**March 13, 2022: "Emergency Preparedness"** – with David Kundtz

**March 20, 2022: "Winter/Spring Hymn Fest"** – with Jimmy Merritt – Singing hymns from the Winter and Spring sections of **Singing the Living Tradition**- learning new hymns and enjoying the familiar ones.

**March 27, 2022: "Our Unsung Heroes"** – with Lisa Stolar– Lisa will share stories of unknown, international unsung heroes. Please bring your stories of the heroes in your life to share.



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### Dates to Remember

**March 10: AUW**

**March 13: Following church service, covered-dish lunch and board meeting.**



"THE MIRACLE OF MORNING": AMANDA GORMAN

We thought we'd awaken to a world in mourning.  
Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming,  
But there's something different on this golden morning.  
Something magical in the sunlight, wide & warming.  
We see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.  
Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.  
A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.  
She grins as her young neighbor brings her groceries.  
While we might feel small, separate & all alone,  
Our people have never been more closely tethered.  
The question isn't *if* we can weather this unknown,  
But *how* we will weather this unknown together.  
So on this meaningful morn, we mourn & we mend.  
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.  
As one, we will defeat both despair & disease.  
We stand with healthcare heroes & all employees;  
With families, libraires, waiters, schools, artists;  
Businesses, restaurants & hospitals hit hardest.  
We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,  
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.  
In this chaos, we will discover clarity,  
In suffering, we must find solidarity.  
For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,  
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.  
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:  
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.  
Read children's books, dance along to DJ music.  
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow fonder.  
From these waves of woes our world will emerge stronger.  
We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind  
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;  
Let each morning find us courageous, brought closer;  
Heeding the light before the fight is over.  
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing  
In testing time, we became the best of beings.