

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

Where the Spirit Sings!



Calling singers and other musicians to join the resurrected choirs and music program at BUF!

The 2021-2022 season at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship will be called “Where the Spirit Sings.” Our aim this year is to nurture and share our spiritual wellbeing through singing and playing *in person*, after all the isolation and loneliness we’ve been through for the past year and a half!

The BUF Chalice Choir usually embraces 50 to 70 singers. Membership is open to all, whether the singer has been involved at BUF before or not. Especially this year, we welcome newcomers who are seeking an *in-person* weekly spiritual and communal singing opportunity. PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS!

We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:45-8pm. Our first rehearsal is September 8, to prepare for our first service on September 12. For both events we will sing outdoors the front of the fellowship, at 1207 Ellsworth Avenue. Please bring a stool or chair, if you like, and an umbrella if it’s misty. Rehearsals and services thereafter may be indoors or outdoors, depending upon how things go. Information will be regularly posted at <http://bufchoir.blogspot.com/> and at wp.buf.org

Chalice Choir will perform for a 10:30am Sunday morning service about once a month. Here are the Sundays in 2021-2022 when we are scheduled to sing: Sep 12, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15 and June 12. And we have a special concert February 26 (see below).

All BUF choir participants MUST be fully vaccinated. Masks are OPTIONAL for outdoor singing. We will wear masks indoors as long as the state requires it. After that, masks will be a personal choice indoors. While in both indoor and outdoor rehearsals or performances, individual singers may choose to sit or stand at whatever distance from the others is comfortable for them.

Singers who are not yet comfortable to come sing under current circumstances will be welcome to join us at any point in the future. There is no pressure or expectation on singers to join before they are comfortable doing so.

A first audition for Phoenix Ensemble, an auditioned ensemble of 12-16 voices, will be at 8:15pm, September 8, after Chalice Choir, with a second audition a week later. Phoenix meets from 8:15 to 9pm. Information about Treble Voices, a non-auditioned Soprano/Alto ensemble, will be announced soon. Special music offerings of all kinds are welcome throughout the year, both in video and live format.

I so look forward to our coming year of singing and playing together *in person*, in full voice and spirit! Please contact me with any questions, suggestions or RSVPs. Thanks!

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(see the next page for our 21-22 monthly themes, performance dates and proposed repertoire)

BUF Monthly Themes 2021-2022

CHALICE CHOIR *Sunday performance dates and proposed repertoire.*

SEPTEMBER - EMBRACING POSSIBILITY

12 Now at Last We Sing Again, We Are One

OCTOBER - CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIP

17 Remember Me

NOVEMBER - HOLDING HISTORY

21 This Is My Song/Finlandia (special filmed service for Magyarszovat Partner Church)

DECEMBER - OPENING TO JOY

19 Seasons of Love, Come and Find the Quiet Center (Solstice service)

JANUARY - LIVING WITH INTENTION

23 We Rise Again

FEBRUARY - WIDENING THE CIRCLE

12 *Saturday morning workshop with Choir of the Salish Sea*

20 Will the Circle Be Unbroken

26 *Chalice Choir performs Will the Circle Be Unbroken, Biebl's Ave Maria and We Rise Again together with Choir of the Salish Sea on their 3pm & 7:30pm Saturday concerts at BUF*

MARCH - RENEWING FAITH

20 Phoenix Song

27 *Possible music festival in the afternoon*

APRIL - AWAKENING

17 Justice (*Easter service*)

MAY - NURTURING BEAUTY

15 Cornerstone

JUNE - CELEBRATING BLESSINGS

12 I Love You/What a Wonderful World,
When You Believe (*Choir Finale service*)

PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Sep 19	There is a Balm
Oct 10	Love Will Guide Us
Oct 31	Phantom of the Opera
Nov 21	Betlehem Bethlehem, Carol of the Bells
Dec 19	Before Solstice, Carol
Jan 16	Shed A Little Light
Feb 13	Of Love
March 13	It Takes a Whole Village
April 24	For the Future
May 8	Twenty Third Psalm
June 12	Come Thou Font, A Safe Place to Land

