



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

*A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve*

## **A Sacred Sound**

*by Mimi Bornstein, Director of Music Ministry*

In the service I led at the beginning of this year I encouraged all of you to think about singing in church in a new way. Whether you are someone who has shied away from singing in public, or are a professional singer, or a person who falls somewhere in between those extremes, I invited you to consider your voice as the sacred sound of your soul--one that not only deserves to be heard, but serves as an important and necessary thread in the sound tapestry we create as a beloved community. I have been so moved by the stories that many of you have shared with me since then. I have heard from numerous people that have never really participated in hymn singing but are now singing--and how much they appreciate being part of the joyful noise we create! And . . . what an absolute pleasure it's been to witness and listen to you all! Not only do you sound amazing--but the level of engagement and community-building has been a beautiful thing to witness and be part of. Bravo!

If you enjoy singing and are looking for opportunities to do it more, here are a few options:

### **Clerestory Choir**

Our adult choir is a singer-friendly group for singers of all abilities--novice to professional. All you need to bring to this group is a desire to sing and be part of a community that enjoys learning and making music together. Being able to read music is not a requirement and we have support systems and learning tools in place for every level of singer. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9:15 and all are welcome to join us! If you are interested in joining choir, please email me at [MimiB@uucava.org](mailto:MimiB@uucava.org).

### **Pop Up Choir -- No experience needed! Just show up and sing!**

Pop Up Choir meets and sings the 2nd Sunday of every month and is a great way to make music with others without making a long-term commitment to choir. Pop Up Choir meets in between services to learn a song or two to be sung in the 11:15 service on the same day. This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in seeing what it feels like to sing with a group and for those who are more experienced singers but not able to commit to weekly rehearsals.

Many thanks all! I continue to feel so grateful and blessed to be part of the UUCA community!

Yours in song,

Mimi