

ST-8401

Unitarian Universalist Theologies

3 Units

Starr King School for the Ministry

Spring 2022

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. Weekly readings posted on Populi.
2. John A. Buehrens and Rebecca Ann Parker. *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century*. Boston: Beacon Press. 2010. ISBN: 9780807077382 Price: \$16 <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1463>

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Gary Dorrien. *The Making of American Liberal Theology: Imagining Progressive Religion 1805 – 1900*. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003) ISBN-10: 0664223540 Price: \$23-38.
- Gary Dorrien. *The Making of American Liberal Theology: Idealism, Realism, and Modernity 1900 – 1950*. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003) ISBN-10: 0664223559 Price: \$15-38.
- Gary Dorrien. *The Making of American Liberal Theology: Crisis, Irony, & Postmodernity 1950 – 2005*. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2006) ISBN-10: 0664223567 Price: \$23-38.
- *Engaging Our Theological Diversity*, A Report by the Commission on Appraisal Unitarian Universalist Association, May 2005, <https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/coa/engagingourtheodiversity.pdf>.
- Charles Hartshorne. *Omnipotence and Other Theological Mistakes* (Albany: State University of New York, 1984).
- Anthony B. Pinn. *The End of God-talk : an African American Humanist Theology* (New York : Oxford University Press, 2012). ISBN-10: 0195340833 Price: \$25.
- Paul Razor. *Faith Without Certainty: Liberal Theology in the Twentieth Century*. (Skinner House Books, 2005) ISBN-10: 1558964843 Price: \$3-14.
- Jerome Stone. *Religious Naturalism Today: The Rebirth of a Forgotten Alternative* (Albany: State University of New York, 2009). ISBN-10: 0791475387 Price: \$25.

Reading Assignment:

Guild, “On the End of the World”

King, “Living Water From Lake Tahoe”

Jones, “Concerning the Soil”

Hartshorne, “Do Birds Enjoy Singing?”

Parker, “We are Already in Paradise” <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/already-in-paradise>

Prud’homme, “Ecotheology” in *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*

Optional Reading: Hepokoski, “Finnish American Unitarianism: A Study of Religion and Place”

For Further Inquiry:

Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker. *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*. (Beacon Press)

Ralph Waldo Emerson. “Nature” in *The Spiritual Emerson: Essential Writings*. Edited by David M. Robinson. (Boston: Beacon Press, 2003).

John Gatta: *Making Nature Sacred: Literature, Religion and Environment in America from the Puritans to the Present*. (Oxford University Press) The works of many Unitarian writers are treated in depth.

Sheri Prud’homme. *Gleam of the Infinite Majesty: The Interplay of manifest destiny and ecotheology in Thomas Starr King’s Construction of Yosemite as Sacred Text*. (GTU dissertation, 2016)