

The mission of the Humanists of Greater Portland is to create a thriving local community that promotes and acts upon the ideals of humanism. Since HGP's inception in 1998, our meetings have welcomed all. Because of COVID restrictions, HGP began meeting over Zoom.

That connection to our Sunday morning meetings is now available to the general public, and our community is now world-wide. Please use the link below to join the upcoming HGP Sunday morning meeting, regularly scheduled each week at 10am Pacific Standard Time.

We have also resumed meeting in person at Friendly House with a live audience participating with the Zoom audience. Sometimes the speaker will be at Friendly House and sometime they will appear over Zoom. For advice on attending in person, including parking options, see *At Friendly House*

Topic: HGP Sunday Program - The Chorus Effect + even more music

Time: July 6, 2025 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

From Friendly House, Ben Landsverk will speak about leading the Low Bar Chorale and the importance of community singing and arts access during troubled times, and will lead audience songs to give a feel for the Low Bar Chorale experience. Landsverk, creator of the Chorale and half of the duo "Wonderly" (who penned the NYT "The Daily" theme), has been hailed as a "prominent Portland composer" (Bloomberg Magazine) and "a unique musical talent" (Willamette Week). A Yale graduate, he has played with and orchestrated several musical luminaries and choirs for over 25 years. (Live music starts at 9:30 on First Sundays.)

We will have people to watch over and engage children who you may feel are too young to stay interested through the program.

The meeting officially runs from 10 to about 11:40AM Pacific time, with music before and socializing after. Join at any time.

Friendly House (at NW 26th and Thurman, in Portland, OR) will be open to host a live in-house audience. There will be early coffee and a setup for Early Birds, plus snacks after the program. Find more information about the Friendly House situation (including parking) at the bottom of this post.

Feel free to share this invite with friends and colleagues, but please don't share the Zoom invite to public web pages or posts. The public can find this Zoom invite on the HGP website at <http://portlandhumanists.org>. Video can often be found some days after the presentation, on the same website or at <http://YouTube.com/@>.

If this is your first time to an HGP meeting, or using Zoom in general, please read the remainder of this message. Our main request is that you leave your microphone muted

during the main meeting until/unless you are called on to ask a question.

Click [HERE](#) to join the Sunday Program Zoom meeting.

(If Zoom decides to update your app, you may need to hit this link a second time after the update. Further instructions below if you wish to call in, or use your browser.)

Welcome!

EARLY BIRDS

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For those ready for some early morning thoughtful moderated discussion even earlier, consider joining the Early Birds before the main program, either on Zoom or in person at the Friendly House, from 8:30 to 9:30AM.

Click [HERE](#) to join the Early Birds Sunday Discussion Zoom meeting.

(Again, if Zoom decides to update your app, you may need to hit this link a second time after the update.)

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TO CALL IN OR USE WEB BROWSER FROM ZOOM.US:

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Sunday Meeting ID: 824 4992 3212

Passcode: 816628

Early Birds Meeting ID: 868 6742 3004

Passcode: 435543

For closest phone number to dial in, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

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JOIN US AT FRIENDLY HOUSE?

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You do not NEED to come to Friendly House to participate, this Sunday: We will continue making the programs available on Zoom, pretty much unchanged. But for those looking to get out and involved again, the remainder of this document is for those contemplating coming to Friendly House.

PARKING (Updated May 2025)

In addition to street parking, we have made arrangements with the Selco Credit Union on 25th and Thurman (one block east of FH) to use their parking lots. Selco has asked us to leave at least 5 places closest to the ATM available for their customers, so “our” spots would be a few places close to the intersection and some more after passing the ATM. In addition, we can park against the South wall of the bicycle shop on 27th and Thurman (one block west of FH), as long as we don't interfere with ingress and egress. At both locations (and street), park at your own risk (don't leave valuables in car).

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Though we take some measures to mitigate spread of germs, it is ultimately your decision whether you feel safe to attend. To help us minimize contagion, please take appropriate precautions.

APPEARING ON CAMERA

For the most part, in the process of getting pictures of audience members asking questions, other audience members may also appear on camera. If you want to be certain you will NOT appear there, ask someone organizing the meeting, and you can be seated to the side outside of camera range.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

People at FH are able to ask questions, regardless of whether speaker is present there or not. Simply raise your hand to get a number at the end of the presentation, and ask your question when the emcee calls your number. You will usually be able to simply ask your question in a clear voice, but in some circumstances we may hand you a microphone.

EARLY BIRDS/OVERFLOW/AFTERTHOUGHTS

There will be a place for in-person attendees of the Early Birds discussion group to join other attendees on Zoom between 8:30 and 9:30AM. Also, in cases where there is an especially large crowd for the main Sunday Program (or families with children who would prefer to sit separately), we can set up a screen to watch the program from the East Room.

THANK YOU!

We'd like to hear how you think things went, and suggestions for improvement.

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FOR ZOOM FIRST-TIMERS:

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Even if you've never used Zoom before, it's easy to use, and requires no registration or account. There are plenty of resources online if you'd like to get a some advance instruction, or respond to this message with any questions or requests, such as for a quick tutorial or test run.