

Order of Service
September 22, 2024

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ... - U.S. Constitution*

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

*“God Help the Outcasts” — Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz
Abigail G. Herrera – voice
Ella Kromin – piano*

Welcome and Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.

Opening Words

A Holy Alchemy by Kim Mason

Opening Hymn

#347, Gather the Spirit

Time for all ages

Enemy Pie, by Derek Munson

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: WVTF/Radio IQ Public Radio
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Offertory

“Dysthymia” — Jared Gibbs

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Choir

*“May the Light Around Us Guide Our Footsteps”
By David A. Zabriskie*

Meditation

Reading

A letter from Benjamin Rush to George Washington

Sermon

At the Corner of Church and State, Rev. Janet Onnie

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Closing Hymn

#1074 Turn the World Around

Postlude

“La fille aux cheveux de lin” — Claude Debussy

Guest Minister: Rev. Janet Onnie; Worship Associate: Jim Kern

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Pianist: Jared Gibbs; Song leader: *Jim Flowers*

Flowers: *Carol Kern*; AV: Chris Long, Lucas Machi

Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck (captain), Laura Robinson, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess

Our Mission

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth.

Create compassionate community.

Transform our community and the world through courageous love.

Land Acknowledgement:*The Tutelo/Monacan people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, live, and worship. We recognize their continuing connection to the land, water, and air that we consume. We pay respect to the Tutelo/Monacan Nations, and to their elders past, present, and emerging.*

UUC Covenant

We covenant to create a place of respect and kindness, and to build a spiritual community based on reason and courageous love.

We will listen to one another respectfully, assume good intentions, use the power of our words with care, express gratitude, honor our differences, help one another, and welcome all.

We will communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately. When we hurt one another, we will forgive, make amends, and re-connect.

While we celebrate the words of our Mission Statement, and of this covenant, we affirm that our mission lives through our actions.

Opportunities this Week

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)