

Order of Service

[April 13, 2025](#)

"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."

~ Henri Nouwen

Prelude UUC Breakfast Club

"Be Okay" by Oh Honey (suggested by Hazel Mayer)

Welcome, Today in Religious Education, & 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

Carl Seaburg

Opening Hymn

#118 This Little Light of Mine

Time for All Ages

What Brings You Joy?

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Opportunities to Engage

Reflection

The Story of the Beam, Bonnie Moreno

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [UU Service Committee's Relief Efforts in Burma](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

"Des Abends" — Robert Schumann

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation on Gratitude and Joy, Jack Kornfield

Meditation Hymn

#1009, Meditation on Breathing

Reflections

Edie Morse

Chuck Porter

Fox Choiniere

Pieces of Glass, Britton Gildersleeve

Poem

Right Here, Linda Pfeiffer

Closing Hymn

Go Out in Joy!, Amanda Kudis-Kessler

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

"Joy to the World" by Three Dog Night

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Britton Gildersleeve

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs;

Songleader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Bonnie Moreno; UUC Breakfast Club; A/V Team;

Sanctuary Greeters: Lisa Evanylo, Beth McClellan, Gloria Heath, Laura Robinson, Robin Cooley

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Vicki Mauer, Bruce Turner

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

- Second Sunday Potluck, after the service
- A House for Hope, Sunday at 1:00 (Library and Zoom)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Writers Group, Thursday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Easter Hunt, after the service NEXT Sunday (Please bring in donations of pet food and supplies between now and April 20th -- contact Rachel Craine for details)



Thanks to all who have already pledged!

[You can still make your Pledge Here.](#)

For more information, go to the [Stewardship page](#) on our website.