

Order of Service

[April 19, 2026](#)

“Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift.” ~ Robin Wall Kimmerer

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

“Every Morning, Birds” — Rachel Grimes

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

Committed to Respond, Lynn Harrison

Opening Hymn

#163 For the Earth Forever Turning

Time for All Ages

Blue Boat Home, Peter Mayer and Sue Todd

Singing the Children to their Classes

#1064, Blue Boat Home

Opportunities to Engage

Receiving the Offering

Sharing with the [UU Ministry for Earth](#)

[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

“The Old Castle” — Modest Mussorgsky

Accepting the Offering

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

Alleluia, Kenneth Langer

Reflection

“Earth” Day

Sermon

Is Hope for the Earth Possible?

Closing Hymn

#203, All Creatures of the Earth and Sky (verses 1-4)

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

“No Surprises” — Radiohead

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Victoria Taylor

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

Song Leader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Polly Stimson

Greeters: Carol Kern, Jon Thomas, Crosby Houston, Steve Keighton, Lisa Evanylo

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata & 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

- Sunday Circle: “Cartoons as Satirical Religious Discourse: A Brief History” with Edd Sewell, Sunday at 7:30 am (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 pm (library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30 pm (Room 6)
- 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 (lower level)
- Women’s Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)
- Newcomers Orientation, Saturday at 9:30 (coffee), 10:00 (orientation)