

Order of Service

[April 26, 2026](#)

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

"love token" — Elena Kats-Chernin

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

Rev. Sharon Wylie

Opening Hymn

#188, Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Time for All Ages

Neither, Airlie Anderson

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children's Benediction

Opportunities to Engage

Receiving the Offering

Sharing with the [He/She/Ze/We](#)

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

Offertory

"unsent love letters" — Elena Kats-Chernin

Accepting the Offering

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Dear Trans Kin . . . , Jami Yandle

Meditation Hymn

#1053, How Could Anyone

Reflections

Another World is Possible

Joy Brown

Will Anderson

Closing Hymn

#318, We Would be One

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

"modern romantic" — Elena Kats-Chernin

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Steve Keighton

Reflections: Will Anderson & Joy Brown

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

Chalice Lighter: McKinley Rountree; Song Leader: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Carol Kern

Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Gail Dutchess & KC Arceneaux

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 & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, 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)
- Beltane Celebration, Friday at 5:00 (Labyrinth)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday at 9:30 (breakfast), 10:00 rehearsal