

Order of Service

[August 10, 2025](#)

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." ~Robert Frost

Prelude

"One table, One chair," by Elena Kats-Chernin

Welcome & 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 Hymn

#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Opening Poems

John Imbur, Bea Yancy, Susan Sisk, Ally Dehoff

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

"The Poet Acts" by Philip Glass

Accepting the Offering

#402, From You I Receive

Poetry Readings

Justin Askins, George Lally, Hilary Lips, Andrea Lopez

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

"Alone " by Maya Angelou

Meditation Hymn

#100 I've Got Peace like a River

Poetry Readings

Chuck Porter, Carolyn Rude, Ginney Fowler

Reflection

Bookends Britton Gildersleeve

Closing Hymn

#311 Let It Be A Dance

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

"The Times They are A-Changin'" Bob Dylan

Worship Associates: Britton Gildersleeve & Denise Martin

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

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Alice Quigley; Flowers: Bonnie Moreno; A/V Tech:

Sanctuary Greeters: Fred Piercy, Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Laura Robinson, Robin Cooley

Zoom Greeter: Vicki Mauer, 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

- Second Sunday Potluck, after the service, bring a dish to share.
- 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 - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 ([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)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library, contact Chris Long to attend)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 9:30 (library)
- Backpack Blessing and Picnic and Play, NEXT Sunday during and after the service)