

Order of Service

August 16, 2026

“The most successful people are those who do all year long what they would otherwise do on their summer vacation.” ~attributed to Mark Twain

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

“piano tower” — 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 Words

A Symbol of Learning and Love, Elizabeth Harding

Opening Hymn

#298, Wake, Now, My Senses

Time for All Ages

Backpack Blessing

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb’s Children’s Benediction

Offering

½ plate recipient: [Micah’s Backpack](#)

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Offertory

Romanian Folk Dances — Béla Bartók

iii. Pe loc & iv. Buciumeana

Receiving the Offering

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Orienting Toward Love, Erika Hewitt

Meditation Hymn

#1013 Open My Heart

Reflection

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Sermon

Lessons from the Lake

Closing Hymn

Life Calls Us On, Jason Shelton

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

*Contradance in C Major — Ludwig van Beethoven;
Transcribed by Isidor Seiss*

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

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

Song Leader: Jane Mahone; Chalice Lighter: Rebecca Petters; Flowers: Amanda Morgan

Greeters: Beth McClellan, Jon Thomas, Crosby Houston, Steve Keighton, Lisa Evanylo

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.

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

- Meet and Greet with the UUC Board, Sunday after the service
- Postcard Writing to Get out the Vote, Sunday after the service
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday at 3:00 (Picnic Area or Sanctuary)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon (library and [Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 (UUC)
- Writers Group, Thursday at 7:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Celebration of Life for Walt Pirie, Saturday at noon (sanctuary)

Please [fill out the survey](#) to help the Board as we consider a strategic plan.