

Order of Service

[August 17, 2025](#)

We are shaped in relationship. We are transformed through connection. And in a world of violence, fear, and fragmentation, choosing to build community is itself a revolutionary act.

Prelude *Partita in B ♭ Major, BWV 825, 1. Praeludium — J.S. Bach*

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 *#123 Spirit of Life*

Time for All Ages *Backpack Blessing*

Singing the Children to their Classes *Reeb's Children Benediction*

Receiving the Offering *Shared Offering Recipient: Micah's Backpack*
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Offertory *Sonata in C minor, Op.13, 2. Adagio cantabile — Beethoven*

Accepting the Offering *#402, From You I Receive*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows *submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#).*

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *A Web of Holy Relationships, Lyn Cox*

Meditation Hymn *1058, Be Ours a Religion????*

Reflections *Rai Johnson-Nicholson, Niko Rensberger, Lucas Machi,
Nancy Bodenhorn, and Chris Long*

Closing Hymn *1014, Answering the Call of Love*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *"Over the Rainbow" — Harold Arlen & Yip Hamburg*

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

Speakers: Nancy Bodenhorn, Rai Johnson-Nicholson, Chris Long, Lucas Machi, Niko Rensberger

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jane Mahone; Flowers: Amanda Morgan; A/V Tech:

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

Zoom Greeter: KC Arceneaux & Akiko Nakata

Our Mission

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth.

Create compassionate community.

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

- Picnic and Play, this Sunday after the service
- 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 - 4:30pm (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)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Water Communion service, NEXT Sunday's service -- bring a small amount of water to represent special water in your life.