

Order of Service

[August 20, 2023](#)

"If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you' that would suffice."

~Meister Eckhart

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

"Piano Tower" — Elena Kats-Chernin

Welcome, Opportunities, 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

Jessica Purple Rodela

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

½ Plate Recipient: [Micah's Backpack](#)

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Offertory

"Come Sunday" — Duke Ellington

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer and Meditation

Adam Slate

Meditation Hymn

"Down to the River to Pray," Alison Kraus

Reflection

Prayer

Homily

Will You Pray With Me?

Closing Hymn

#208, Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

"Vespers" — A. A. Milne, H. Fraser-Simpson

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Amanda Morgan ; Chalice Lighter: Olivia Cochran

Sanctuary Greeters: Steve Keighton, Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston, Beth McClellan, Lisa Evanylo

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Don Philyaw, 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 (Library)
- 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 (library and [Zoom](#))
- NO Yoga this week
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at 11:30 am (UUC/local restaurant, contact Cynthia Luke)

Next Sunday, Water Service

Bring water to pour into our communal bowl.

Send photographs of special water to Rev. Pam to share during the service.

Stay after for watermelon and water fun (water slide and water balloons)

