

## Order of Service

August 24, 2025

*"Love is like water. If it doesn't flow, it stagnates." ~ Deepak Chopra*

**Prelude**

*"Sailors' Song" Op.68 no.1 — Edvard Grieg*

**Welcome & Opportunities**

**Greeting One Another**

**Kindling the Flame of Community**

*We are Unitarian Universalists. This is the church of the open mind. This is the church of the loving heart. This is the church of the helping hands.*

**Opening Words**

*Rev. Molly Housh Gordon*

**Opening Hymn**

*Blue Boat Home, Peter Mayer*

**Time for All Ages**

*Hey, Water by Antoinette Portis*

**What Kind of Water Speaks to Us?**

**Receiving the Offering**

*Shared Offering Recipient: [Renew the New](#)*

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**Offertory**

*"The Brook" Op.62 no.4 — Edvard Grieg*

**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**

*The Strength of Water, Jamila Batchelder & Molly Housh Gordon*

**Meditation Hymn**

*There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

**Water Communion**

*"Maiden Voyage" — Herbie Hancock*

**Blessing the Water**

**Closing Hymn**

*The Tide is Rising*

**Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude**

*"Gentle Rain" — Luiz Bonfá & Matt Dubey*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute

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

Songleader: Jane Mahone; Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Tech: Chris Long & René Lowry

Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Robin Cooley, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeter: Gail Dutchess & Akiko Nakata

### ***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**

- RE Open House and Watermelon Social, after the service
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- Children's Art Project, NEXT Sunday during the service