

Order of Service

August 25, 2024

"The Ocean refuses no River" Mirabai Ceiba

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

The Tennessee River Runs Low Secret Sisters-
performed by Caroline Gibbs and Natalie Gibbs

Welcome and Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

by Katie Gelfand

We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.

We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another.

We gather together in ritual

to celebrate our fountains of joy

to hold each other through storms of grief

to guide one another through rapids of transformation

to rest together on ponds of stillness.

Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

Opening Hymn

#1064 Blue Boat Home

Time For All Ages

Victoria Taylor

Singing the Children Out

Reeb's Benediction

Opening Words

Welcome Home by Rachel Rott

Congregational Covenant

Reading:

The Cycle that Connects Us, Molly Housh Gordon and Jamila Batchelder

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: **Virginia Organizing - Power Coalition**
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Offertory

"**Dolphin Dance**" — Herbie Hancock

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

The Strength of Water, Molly Housh Gordon and Jamila Batchelder

Meditation Music from:

Sounds and Songs of the Humpback Whale

Reading:

Dancing on the Water, a poem by KC Arceneaux

Blessing of the Water

Molly Housh Gordon and Jamila Batchelder

Reading:

The River Cannot Go Back by Kahlil Gibran

Closing Hymn

We are Swimming to The Other Side by Emma's Revolution

Benediction

Advice from a River Ilan Shamir

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

Gentle Rain" — Luiz Bonfá

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate:
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine
Pianist: Jared Gibbs ; A/V Tech:
Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck (captain), Cynthia Luke, Jim and Pauletta Copenheaver, Lisa Evanylo,
Bobbie Littlefield
Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess

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

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:00 (UUC)
- Piecemakers, Thursday at 6:30 (Elarth)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)