

Order of Service

August 27, 2023

"Human nature is like water. It takes the shape of its container."

~Wallace Stevens

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

"Long Before Us" — Rachel Grimes

Welcome

Kindling the Flame of Community

We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.

Time for All Ages

Why We Do a Water Communion

Water Communion & Blessing

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Reflection

"The Vial," Laurence Magee

The Water We Love Video

Blue Boat Home, RH Prichard & P Mayer, arr. Jared Gibbs

UUC Covenant (*next page*)

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: [UU Disaster Relief Fund](#)

[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

Prelude in D ♭ Major ("The Raindrop") Op.28, no.15, Frédéric Chopin

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer and Meditation

The Strength of Water, Jamila Batchelder & Molly Housh Gordon

Meditation Music Video

*Love is the Water that Wears Down the Rock
Brother Sun*

Sermon

The Container that Holds Us

Closing Hymn

#1064, Blue Boat Home

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

"Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye" — Cole Porter

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Laurence Magee

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas; Chalice Lighter: Tzipora Roberts

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Gretchen Luke

Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Rai Johnson, Heather Nicholson, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess, Suzi Hiatt

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

- Watermelon and Water Fun (weather permitting) after the Service Today
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- 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](#))
- 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)

Join Us After the Service Today for Watermelon and Water Fun (weather permitting)



**Next Sunday -- Multigenerational Worship
(Children will be joining us in the Sanctuary)**