

Order of Service

August 30, 2026

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." ~Loren Eiseley

Prelude *Romanian Folk Dances — Béla Bartók; 1. Jocul cu băță*

Welcome & Opportunities to Engage

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 *The Spirit of Water, Katie Sivani Gelfand*

Opening Hymn *#145 — As Tranquil Streams*

Time for All Ages *All the Water in the World, George Ella Lyon & Katherine Tillotson*

Ritual of Covenanting with Affiliated Minister

Receiving the Offering *Shared Offering Recipient: [Imagination Library](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory *"I Will Always Love You" — Dolly Parton*

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 *#100 — I've Got Peace Like a River, verses 1, 2, 5, & 3*

Reflections

Water Communion *"Maiden Voyage" — Herbie Hancock*

Blessing the Water

Closing Hymn *#1064 — Blue Boat Home*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *"Água de Beber" — Antônio Carlos Jobim*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Steve Keighton

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

Board President: Cassy Kost; Affiliated Community Minister: Rev. Dr. Ellen Plummer

Chalice Lighter: Osiris King; Songleader: Jim Flowers; Flowers: Polly Stimson;

Sanctuary Greeters: Lisa Evanylo, Rob Ingenito, Crosby Houston, Cindy Barden, Jim & Pauletta Copenheaver

Zoom Greeter: Cynthia Baute & 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
- Postcard Writing, after the service in Elarth
- 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 (Sanctuary or Picnic Area)
- 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](#)) starting a new book: *The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu*.
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library or Picnic Area)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday at 9:30 (breakfast) 10:00 am (rehearsal) -- sign up [here](#)

[Sign up for a Soul Matters small group here](#)