

Order of Service
December 1, 2024

Remember then: there is only one time that is important—now! It is the most important time because it is the only time when we have any power. ~Leo Tolstoy

Prelude *Prelude in C Major, BWV 846 — J. S. Bach*

Welcome and Opportunities

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 *To Remind Ourselves What Is Real, Elena Westbrook*

Opening Hymn *#1000 Morning Has Come*

Lighting Advent Candle *Rev. Rosemary Morrison*

Time for All Ages *Now, Antoinette Portis*

Receiving the Offering *½ Plate Recipient: [Instill Mindfulness](#)
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Offertory *“Crazy” — Willie Nelson*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows *submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn *#1011, Return Again*

Reflection *This Monkey Mind of Mine - Cynthia Baute*

Musical Reflection *“i love you” — Finneas O'Connell and Billie O'Connell*

Sermon *Be Here Now*

Closing Song *[The Present Moment, Joe Reilly](#)*

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas;

Flowers: Gloria Heath; A/V Team

Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Jon Thomas, Jim & Pauletta Copenheaver, Rami Steinruck

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata & Toni Cox

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

- Sunday Circle: Sustainability Projects and Programs in Blacksburg, Carol Davis Sunday at 8:30 am (Library and [Zoom](#))
- 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 (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)
- Synapse Salon, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Celebration of Life for Gary Wamsley, Saturday at noon (sanctuary and Elarth)