

Order of Service
December 10, 2023

“Cherish your doubts, for doubt is the attendant of truth.” ~Robert Weston

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude “Wonder About Yourself” by Elena Kats-Chernin

Welcome, Opportunities & Today in Religious Education

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 from *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry

Opening Hymn #1013 “Open My Heart”

Time for All Ages

Singing the Children to their Classes *Reeb’s Children Benediction*

Covenant (*on second page*)

Receiving the Offering $\frac{1}{2}$ Plate Recipient: [The Woodchucks](#)
[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory “Warum” by Robert Schumann

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation from Mary Grigiola

Meditation Hymn #396 “I Know this Rose Will Open”

Reflection by Denise Martin

Homily “Question as Sacrament” by Anna Tulou

Musical Reflection “I Believe” by Mark Miller (video)

Benediction

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Ministerial Intern: Anna Tulou; Worship Associate: Denise Martin
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; RE announcement: Margo Walter
Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter: (it’s a mystery!)
A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Mary Ann Hansen
Sanctuary Greeters: Steve Keighton, Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Laura Robinson, Lisa Evanylo
Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Bruce Turner

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

- Listening Circle, Sunday after the service in the Sanctuary
- Anti-Racism Book Discussion, Chapter 15 and 16 of *1619 Project*, Sunday at 1:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Parents Bereavement Support Group, Monday at 6:00 pm (Zoom -- contact [Lisa](#) or [Katherine](#))
- Building Bridges:Neo-Paganism and Indigenous Religions , Monday at 6:30 pm (Library, register [here](#))
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library - contact [Fred Piercy](#) to attend)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at noon (UUC, contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Holiday Concert, Saturday at 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
- Sunday Circle: Carol Davis will discuss sustainability projects in Blacksburg, NEXT Sunday at 11:45 (Library)