

Order of Service
December 28, 2025

"Interdependence isn't a weakness—it's a revolutionary act." — Ken Breniman

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude *"Rainbow Connection" — Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher*

Welcome and Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

Opening Words *Libbie D Stoddard*

Opening Hymn *#95, There is More Love Somewhere*

Receiving the Offering *sharing with [Woodchucks Firewood Ministry](#)*

Offertory *We Shall Overcome by Carl Haywood*

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *The Gates of Hope by Rev Victoria Safford*

Meditation Hymn *#396, I Know This Rose Will Open*

Reading *"Hear My Hope" from Hazbin Hotel
by Sam Haft & Andrew Underberg*

Homily

Closing Hymn *#169, We Shall Overcome*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame *words by Elena Westbrook*

Postlude *"I'll Be Seeing You" — Sammy Fain & Irving Kahal*

Guest Preacher: Casey Akers; Worship Associate: Victoria Taylor;
Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine
Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Song Leader: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Barbara Taylor; A/V Tech:
Sanctuary Greeters: Bea Yancy, Pauletta Copenhaver, Jim Copenhaver
Zoom Greeters: Gail Duchess, Akikko 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

- 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)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)