

**Order of Service**  
**December 29, 2024**

*All beginnings are delightful; the threshold is the place to pause.*  
~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

<b>Prelude</b>	“The Poet Acts” Philip Glass
<b>Welcome and Opportunities</b>	
<b>Greeting One Another</b>	
<b>Kindling the Flame of Community</b>	
	<i>We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.</i>
<b>Opening Words</b>	“Breathed Into the World” Rev Sandra Fees
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	#57 All Beautiful the March of Days
<b>Congregational Covenant</b>	
<b>Receiving the Offering</b>	½ Plate Recipient: <a href="#">Woodchucks Firewood Ministry</a> <a href="#">Donate online</a> , Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App
<b>Offertory</b>	“Unsent Love Letters” Elene Kats-Chernin
<b>Sharing Our Joys &amp; Sorrows</b>	<i>submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud <a href="#">here</a></i>
<b>Candles of Hope and Remembrance</b>	
<b>Meditation</b>	
<b>Meditation Hymn</b>	#352 Find the Stillness
<b>Reflection</b>	“Looking Back to Move Forward” Denise Martin
<b>Sermon</b>	“Standing on the Threshold” Rev Janet Onnie
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#350 The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time
<b>Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice</b>	
<b>Postlude</b>	“Norwegian March” Opus 54, No. 2, Edvard Grieg

Guest Minister: Rev. Janet Onnie; Worship Associate: Denise Martin  
Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;  
Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter:  
Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Team: Lucas Machi  
Sanctuary Greeters: Laura Robinson, Lisa Evanylo, Brigitte & Kaden Flowers, Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston  
Zoom Greeters: Don Philyaw

***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)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga **will be CANCELLED due to the holiday**, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Sunday Circle, Maps as Metaphor in Political Cartoons with Edd Sewell, NEXT Sunday at 8:30 (Library and [Zoom](#))
- New (Or Not-so-New) to UU Adult Faith Development, NEXT Sunday at 1:00 (Library and Zoom) [Register here.](#)