

**Order of Service**  
**December 2, 2025**

*"Hope is not a feeling, it's a commitment." ~Holly Near*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude in C Major, BWV 846 — J. S. Bach</i>
<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>Today in Religious Education &amp; 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>	<i>You Deserve a Place, Craig Rowland</i>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>#346, Come, Sing a Song with Me</i>
<b>Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath</b>	<i>Rev. Lyn Cox</i>
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	<i>Something, Someday, Amanda Gorman</i>
<b>Singing the Children to their Classes</b>	<i>Reeb's Children Benediction</i>
<b>Opportunities to Engage</b>	
<b>Receiving the Offering</b>	<i>½ Plate Recipient: Transforming Hearts Collective</i> <i><a href="#">Donate online</a>, Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>"Snowfall" — Claude &amp; Ruth Thornhill</i>
<b>Accepting the Offering</b>	
<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>	<i>The Choice We Make, Rev. Michelle Collins</i>
<b>Meditation Hymn</b>	<i>#396, I Know This Rose Will Open</i>
<b>Reading</b>	<i>from Hope (And Parts Of Speech), Amy Leask</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Nevertheless, We Persist</i>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>#347, Gather the Spirit</i>
<b>Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice</b>	<i>Let Us Be That Circle, Craig Rowland</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" — Sammy Cahn &amp; Jule Styne</i>

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin; Music Director: Jared Gibbs  
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; LFD Assistant: Jocelyn Hildenbrand  
Chalice Lighter: Rebecca Petters; RE Announcements: Linsey Marr; Songleader: Cassy Kost  
Flowers: Mary Ann Hansen; Snacks: Juuliet Friday Lunch Group  
Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, René Lowry  
Zoom Greeters: Vicki Mauer & 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**

- Sunday Circle: The 2025 Election: Now What? with Carolyn Rude, 8:30 AM, (Library and on Zoom)
- Blood Drive, Sunday 11:30 - 3:00 (parking lot)
- Communications Committee Meeting, this Sunday after the service (Room 6)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, 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 (Elarth)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon at Mountain Lake (contact Elizabeth Dell)
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service, bring a dish to share.