

## Order of Service

February 23, 2025

*“Won’t it be wonderful when Black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.” ~ Maya Angelou*

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

*Piano Tower — Elena Kats-Chernin*

### Welcome and 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

*Call to Worship and Action, by Sharon Wylie*

Opening Hymn

*#168, One More Step*

Time for All Ages

*Helping the Fanged Steward*

Singing the Children to their Classes

*Reeb’s Children’s Benediction*

Opportunities to Engage

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights](#)  
[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

*The Sound of Music — Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

*submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

*For All That is Our Life, Liz Weber*

Meditation Hymn

*#123, Spirit of Life*

Reflection

*The Great American Game*

Sermon

*E Pluribus Unum*

Closing Hymn

*#119, Once to Every Soul and Nation*

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

*A Flower Is a Lovesome Thing — Billy Strayhorn*

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs

RE Announcement: Cassy Kost; Chalice Lighter: Patrick Quigley; Song Leader: Mary Ann Hansen

Trumpet: Patrick Feucht; Flowers: Amanda Morgan; AV Team; Snacks: Stewardship Team

Sanctuary Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield, Robin Cooley

Zoom Greeters: Gail Dutchess & Akiko Nakata

### **Our Mission**

*Inspire spiritual and ethical growth.*

*Create compassionate community.*

*Transform our community and the world through courageous love.*

## 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

- Stewardship Training, Sunday at 11:30 (Library)
- Common Read: Authentic Selves, Sunday at 3:30 (Library and Zoom, register [here](#))
- 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 (Library & [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)
- Fifth Dimension for Adults at 7:00 ([Zoom](#) -- [register here](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Cynthia Luke)
- Parent Covenant Group, Friday at 5:30 (contact Rachel Craine)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday at 9:00 am (Sanctuary, contact Jared)
- Community Game Night, Saturday at 5:30 (Elarth)
- Sunday Circle: "Understanding Gender Identity and Pronouns" with Rachel Craine, NEXT Sunday at 8:30 am (Library and [Zoom](#))
- **Stewardship Brunch Service**, Sunday at 10:00 -- come ready to enjoy delicious food, inspiring words, and beautiful music. If you will be attending on Zoom, send [Rev. Pam](#) a photo so we can see your face during the service.

