

Order of Service

[January 14, 2024](#)

Power is the drive of everything living to realize itself, with increasing intensity and extensity.

Love is the drive towards unity of the separated. ~Paul Tillich

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

Romanian Folk Dances, 1. Jocul cu bătă -- Béla Bartók

Welcome & Opportunities

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

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr

Opening Hymn

#155, Circle Round for Freedom

Time for All Ages

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Mission Statement

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Christiansburg Institute](#)
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Offertory

Alabama — John Coltrane

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer

Love and Justice, Rev. Tess Baumberger

Meditation Hymn

#95, There is More Love Somewhere

Reading

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sermon

Liberating Love and Power

Musical Reflection

Come Sunday -- Duke Ellington

Benediction

Closing Hymn

#1014 Answering the Call of Love

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Gretchen Luke

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jim Flowers; Chalice Lighter: Olivia Cochran

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Polly Stimson; Potluck Volunteers: Franklyn Moreno

Sanctuary Greeters: Judy Furr, Laura Robinson, Janet Sawyers, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan

Zoom Greeter: 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

- Second Sunday Potluck, Today after the service (Elarth)
- Preservation of Democracy Discussion, Today at 11:45 (Library)
- Anti-Racism Discussion of 1619, Today at 1:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- OWL for Older Adults, Today at 4:00 pm (Library - [register here](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Building Bridges: Islam, Monday at 6:30 pm (Library and Zoom - [register here](#))
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- 30 Days of Love Gathering, Tuesday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 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 (UUC)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Parents Covenant Group, Friday at 6:00 pm (contact [Rachel Craine](#))
- Getting Your Ducks in a Row, Saturday at 9:00 am ([register here](#))
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Elarth)
- YRUU Coffee House, Saturday at 6:00 pm (Elarth) [SIGN UP HERE TO PERFORM!](#)