

Order of Service

January 19, 2025

American history is longer, larger, more various, more beautiful, and more terrible than anything anyone has ever said about it. ~James A. Baldwin

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude *“Rainbow Connection” — Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher*

Welcome, Opportunities, Today in RE

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. Dr. David Breeden

Opening Hymn

#1003 Where Do We Come From

Time for All Ages

Parable of the Chinese Farmer

Singing the Children to their Classes

Receiving the Offering

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

*Concerto in D minor, BWV 974 — J. S. Bach
2. Adagio*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

To Embody the Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Wayne Arnason

Meditation Hymn

#95 There is More Love Somewhere

Reading

Howard Zinn

Sermon

The Story of US

Closing Hymn

#1028 The Fire of Commitment

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

“Mean to Me” — Fred E. Ahlert & Roy Turk

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Britton Gildersleeve

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Mary Ann Hansen; Chalice Lighter: Evelyn Davis; A/V Tech:

Flowers: Gretchen Luke; Snack Providers: Women’s Breakfast

Sanctuary Greeters: Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston, Beth McClellan, Lisa Evanylo, Polly Stimson

Zoom Greeters: KC Arceneaux, Don Philyaw, 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

- New (or not so new) to UU, Sunday at 1:00 (Library & [Zoom](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Date with Death, Monday at 6:30 pm (Elarth)
- Sages, 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)
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Dancing through the Decades, Saturday at 6:00 pm ([RSVP here](#))

Dancing through the Decades

sponsored by the UUC Board

January 25th at 6:00 pm

Come Boogie the Night Away!

