

## Order of Service

[January 28, 2024](#)

*"Our universal calling as humans is to be the most loving people we can be." ~David Richo*

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

*Prelude in C Major, Op.28, no.1 — Chopin*

### 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. Gretchen Haley*

Opening Hymn

*Love's Wonder, Amanda Udis-Kessler*

Time for All Ages

*Muddy Children, Janeen Grohsmeyer (adapted)*

Singing the Children to their Classes

*Reeb's Children Benediction*

UUC Covenant

UUC Choir

*"Love is the Reason I Sing," Boyd Bacon*

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry*  
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

*"I Love You" — Billie & Finneas O'Connell*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer

Meditation Hymn

*#1029, Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear*

Reading

*God Gave Me a Word*

Sermon

*Universal(ist) Love*

Musical Reflection

*"Bruyères" — Debussy*

Benediction

Closing Hymn

*"Spirit of Love," Amanda Udis-Kessler*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Choir Director: Ella Kromin

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter: Delaney Rountree

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Barbara Taylor

Sanctuary Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Rai Johnson-Nicholson, Heather Nicholson, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield; Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess, Suzi Hiatt

### **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**

- Building Tour, Today after the service (meet Crosby in Elarth Hall)
- Anti-Racism, Today at 1:00 (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 7:00 pm (Library and Zoom)
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- Getting Your Ducks in a Row, Saturday at 9:00 am (Elarth)