

## Order of Service

January 4, 2026

*To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else  
is the greatest accomplishment. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

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

### Welcome and Opportunities

### Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

*A Flame to Light Our Path, Debra Burrell*

Opening Words

*Let Go, Lois Van Leer*

Opening Hymn

*#1011, Return Again*

Time for All Ages

*The Peacock and the Crane*

Receiving the Offering

*sharing with [Montgomery County  
Emergency Assistance Program](#)*

Offertory

*Prelude in E minor, Op.28, no.4 — Frédéric Chopin*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

### Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

*Carry Each Other into the New Year, Beth Monhollen*

Meditation Hymn

*#1031 Filled With Loving Kindness*

Reflection

*Resisting Yourself*

Sermon

*Practicing Resistance in the New Year*

Closing Hymn

*#1020 Woyaya*

### Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

*“Ev’ry Time We Say Goodbye” — Cole Porter*

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Song Leader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Tech:

Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Jim Copenheaver, Pauletta Copenheaver, Lisa Evanylo, René Lowry

Zoom Greeters: Toni Cox & Akikko 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**

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday at 3:00 pm (Room 6)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Men's Group, Tuesday at 6:00 pm (offsite, contact Graham Glynn for info)
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (Elarth)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library, contact Chris Long for info)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)
- To Our House, Saturday through Saturday - sign up to help after the service!
- Parents Covenant Group, Saturday at 5:00 pm (lower level)
- Community Game Night, Saturday at 6:00 pm (lower level)