

Order of Service

January 5, 2024

To be a person is to have a story to tell. ~Isak Dinesen

Prelude

*12 Short Preludes — J.S. Bach
Prelude no.2 in C Major*

Welcome & Opportunities

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

Scott Tayler

Opening Hymn

#1008 When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Time for All Ages

You Are a Story, Bob Raczka

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Montgomery Museum of Art & History](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

*Sonata no. 28 in A Major, Op.101 — Ludwig van Beethoven
1. Somewhat lively, and with innermost sensibility*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Life is Always Unfinished Business, Richard S. Gilbert

Meditation Hymn

#90 From All the Fret and Fever of the Day

Reflection

Sermon

What's Your Story?

Closing Hymn

#128 For All that Is Our Life

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

Hey Jude — Paul McCartney & John Lennon

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas; Chalice Lighter: Will Hundley

RE Announcement: ??; Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Team; Snacks: Lay Pastoral Care Ministry

Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Pauletta Copenheaver, Jim Copenheaver, Lisa Evanylo, Jon Thomas

Zoom Greeters: Vicki Mauer & 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

- Sunday Circle, Maps as Metaphor in Political Cartoons with Edd Sewell, Sunday at 8:30 (Library and [Zoom](#))
- New (Or Not-so-New) to UU Adult Faith Development, Sunday at 1:00 (Library and [Zoom](#)) [Register here](#).
- 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 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 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)
- Fifth Dimension for Adults at 7:00 (Zoom -- [register here](#))
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library and Zoom, contact Laura Robinson to attend)
- Men's Group, Thursday at 6:00 (off-site, [sign up here](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Community Game Night, Saturday at 5:30 pm (Elarth)