

## Order of Service

July 2, 2023

*I am open and I am willing  
To be hopeless would seem so strange. ~ Holly Near*

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

*Prelude in D Major, BWV 936 by J.S. Bach*

### Welcome and 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. Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe*

### Opening Hymn

*#360 Here We Have Gathered*

### Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: Church of the Larger Fellowship*

### Offertory

*Butterfly, Op. 81, No. 4 by Gustav Merkel*

### Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

### Candles of Hope and Remembrance

### Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Danielle DiBona*

### Reading

*Mental Flight, Ben Okri read by Janice Marie Johnson*

### Meditation Music

**UUA GA Choir**

*I Am Willing, Holly Near*

### Sermon

*Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs*

*Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti*

### Responsive Blessing

*Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd*

### Closing Hymn

*#1014 Answering the Call of Love*

### Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

### Postlude

*Arabesque No.1 by Claude Debussy*

### 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.*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Piano: Mary Louise Hallauer; Songleader: Wayne Neu; A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Polly Stimson

Sanctuary Greeters: Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, Cynthia Luke, Jon Thomas

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Toni Cox

### **Our Mission**

**Inspire** spiritual and ethical growth.

**Create** compassionate community.

**Transform** our community and the world through courageous love.

## **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)~~ canceled due to Independence Day Holiday
- ~~Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm~~ (canceled due to Independence Day Holiday)
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon (library and [Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Piecemakers, Thursday at 6:30 pm (Library)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at 11:30 am (UUC/local restaurant, contact Cynthia Luke)
- Adopt-a-Highway, Saturday at 9:00 am (meet at Lowe's Parking Lot -- contact Bob Stimson)
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service -- bring

## **Guest Speakers:**

*Rev. Danielle Di Bona has served Unitarian Universalism for 30 years, and is the 2018 recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism. In her retirement, she serves as the Palliative Care chaplain at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, MA.*

*Dr. Janice Marie Johnson is Co-Director of Ministries and Faith Development for the UUA. She previously served as Director of Lifespan Religious Education at the Community Church of New York for many years.*

*Rev. Manish K. Mishra-Marzetti serves as senior minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is the co-editor of Conversations with the Sacred (2020) and the 2018-2019 UUA common read, Justice on Earth.*

*Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd has served as Senior Minister at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation since 2012. She is author of After The Good News: Progressive Faith Beyond Optimism*