

## Order of Service

[July 9, 2023](#)

Our faith is not interested in saving your soul. We're here to help you unfold the awesome soul you already have." —Andrea Lerner

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude *Imagine* by John Lennon

### Welcome, Opportunities, & Today in Religious Education

### Greeting One Another

### Opening Words

Gratitude practice Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks

Denominational practice Kindling the Flame of Community

*We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.*

Community Practice/ UUC Covenant (*next page*)

Space clearing/Temple Bells

Abundance Practice: Collecting and Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry](#)*

Offertory *The Single Petal of a Rose* by Duke Ellington

Acknowledgement Practice /Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance /Personal Practice

Hymn for reflection #1011 *Return Again*

Affirmation Practice Responsive reading *It is Possible to Live in Peace* #577

Mantra practice *"When I breathe In, I breathe in love, when I breathe out, I breathe out peace"*

Sharing our Practices

Closing Hymn: #368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *Amazing Grace* by John Newton

Worship Leaders: Victoria Taylor and Gretchen Luke

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

Vibraphone: Brian Peters; Songleader: MaryAnn Hansen ; A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Mary Ann Hansen

Sanctuary Greeters: Judy Furr (captain), Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Margo Walter, Fred Piercy

Zoom Greeters: Gail Dutchess, Suzi Haitt

***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**

- Second Sunday Potluck, Sunday after the service
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Parent Bereavement Support group, Monday at 6:00 pm (contact Lisa Evanylo/Katherine Allen)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- 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)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at 11:30 am (UUC/local restaurant, contact Cynthia Luke)
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Picnic and Family Fun, Saturday 12:00pm to 3:00pm on UUC lawn

