

Order of Service

June 1, 2025

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." ~ Lady Bird Johnson

Prelude

Butterfly, op. 43, No. 1 by Edvard Grieg

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. Shari Woodbury

Opening Hymn

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth

Isabel Berney Award for Exceptional Service

presented by Margo Walter

Origins of the Flower Ceremony

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Montgomery County Baby Shop](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

Menuet from "Sonatine" by Maurice Ravel

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

God's Vision Growing

Meditation Hymn

#78 Color and Fragrance

Reflections

Receiving a Flower

Bring a Flower, Amanda Udis-Kessler

Meditation on the Flowers

Closing Hymn

The Garden Song by David Mallette, Tommy Iafraite

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

Rêverie by Claude Debussy

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute & Victoria Taylor
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Board Member: Margo Walters
Piano: Mary Louise Hallauer; Songleader: Cassy Kost; A/V Tech
Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, A Copenheaver, René Lowry
Zoom Greeter: Toni Cox & 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

- Annual Meeting, Sunday June 2 after the service
- 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)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service, bring a dish to share.