

Order of Service

June 22, 2025

"Whatever is not yours, let go of it." - attributed to The Buddha.

Prelude

Blackbird by Lennon-McCartney

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

Opening Hymn

#1002, Comfort Me

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: Black Lives of UU

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Offertory

May they be Well by Brian Peters

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer and Meditation

Meditation Hymn

#396, I Know this Rose Will Open

Reading

In the Evening, in the Pinewoods, Mary Oliver

Sermon

Freedom from Suffering

Closing Hymn

#1021, Lean on Me

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

Higher Ground by Stevie Wonder

Guest Minister: Jennifer Springsteen; Worship Associate: Britton Gildersleeve

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

Vibraphone: Brian Peters; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Polly Stimson; A/V Tech::

Sanctuary Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo (captain), and Bobbie Littlefield;

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess

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 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](#))