

Order of Service

June 8, 2025

All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential. – Harvey Milk

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 933, J. S. Bach

Welcome & Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

Rev. Lori Gorgas Hlaban

Opening Words

Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave

Opening Hymn

#170, We are a Gentle, Angry People

History of the Pride Flag

Video

TRYGG - Oslo Pride 2025

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [Roanoke Diversity Center](#)
[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

Chanson de Matin (Morning Song), Op. 15, No. 2, Edward Elgar

Accepting the Offering

#402, From You I Receive

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer and Meditation

All Life is Beautiful, Brian Kiely

Meditation Hymn

#1053, How Could Anyone

Reflection

Sermon

Free to be Our Authentic Selves

Closing Hymn

This is Me, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, sung by Boston Gay Men’s Chorus

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Rainbow Blessing, Cricket Hall

Postlude

Arabesque, No. 1 by Claude Debussy

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;

Piano: Mary Louise Hallauer; Songleader: Jane Mahone; A/V Tech

Sanctuary Greeters: Lisa Evanylo, Liz Craine, Pauletta Copenheaver, Jim Copenheaver, Robin Cooley

Zoom Greeters: Vicki Mauer, Akiko Nakata, Bruce Turner

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, this Sunday after the service, bring a dish to share.
- Community Game Night, tonight 5:00 - 8:00 pm (Elarth)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Men's Group, Tuesday at 6:00 pm (offsite, contact Graham Glynn)
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (online)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- John Imbur Celebration of Life, Saturday at 2:00 (sanctuary) with a reception to follow at Shadowlake Village