

## Order of Service

[March 1, 2026](#)

“Where we choose to put our attention changes our brain, which in time can change how we see and interact with the world.” ~Margaret Mead

### Sounding the Bowl

**Prelude** *Allemande in E-flat from French Suite No. 4, J.S. Bach*

### Welcome and 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. Dr. Samantha Lynne Wilson*

**Opening Hymn** *#123, Spirit of Life*

**Time For All Ages** *Sidewalk Flowers, JonArno Lawson & Sydney Smith*

**Singing the Children to their Classes** *Reeb’s Children’s Benediction*

### Opportunities to Engage

**Receiving the Offering** *WVTV/Radio IQ*  
[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

**Offertory** *Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No.2, Johannes Brahms*

**Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows** *submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

### Candles of Hope and Remembrance

**Meditation** *Rev. Rev. Scott Tayler*

**Meditation Hymn** *#86, Blessed Spirit of My Life*

**Reading** *from “A Life of Depth in an Age of Distraction,” J.W. Bertolotti*

**Sermon** *Reclaiming Our Attention*

**Closing Hymn** *#300, With Heart and Mind*

### Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Britton Gildersleeve; Pianist: Mary Louise Hallauer

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs

Songleader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Polly Stimson; Snacks: Stewardship Committee

Greeters: Steve Keighton, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, René Lowry

Zoom Greeters: Toni Cox and Akiko Nakata

### **Our Mission**

**Inspire** spiritual and ethical growth.

**Create** compassionate community.

## **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**

- Sunday Circle, Reflections on Serving as Mayor of Blacksburg with *Leslie Hager-Smith*, Sunday at 8:30 am ([Zoom](#) only)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday at 3:00 (lower level)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's, Tuesday at 7:00 (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon (Library and [Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:00 (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)
- Adopt-a-Highway, Saturday at 8:45 am (meet at the Lowe's parking lot on Pepper's Ferry Road, contact Bob Stimson)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday, 9:30/10:00 am (sanctuary) -- come for breakfast and then rehearse music that we'll share during the Sunday service!
- Celebration of the Life of Richard Bauman, Saturday at 2:00 (Sanctuary -- contact Polly Stimson if you'd like to contribute to the reception)