

Order of Service

[May 12, 2024](#)

*“Isn’t it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different?” —
C.S. Lewis*

Prelude

Good Morning Song

Welcome & Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

We seek our place in the world and the answers to our hearts’ deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

*May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth,
of wisdom and welcoming of multiple truths.*

—Rev Julianne Lepp

Opening Words

— Rev. Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn

UUC Choir—Three Little Birds, Bob Marley

Time for All Ages

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb’s Children Benediction

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: Blacksburg Rescue Squad

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Offertory

What a Wonderful World, Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

from “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Meditation Hymn

Older, by Searows

Reading

Our House of Many Stories, by Rev. Scott

Taylor

Sharing Drawings

Advice to the Seniors

Bridging Ceremony

Closing Ritual

Rivers and Roads by The Head and the Heart

Closing Hymn

#1064 Blue Boat Home

Benediction & Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude

Obladi Oblada, Paul McCartney

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

Chalice Lighter: Patrick Quigley; Songleader: Alice Quigley; Guitar & Vocals: Jim Kern; Piano: Jared Gibbs

Choir Director: Ella Kromin; A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Bonnie Moreno

YRUU: Alex Dickerson*, Kate Miller*, Alice Quigley*, Ryan Bagchi, Rai Johnson Nicholson, Emery Moore

Advisors: Lucas Machi, Ally DeHoff, Jim Kern, Robin Cooley, Rachel Craine

Sanctuary Greeters: Judy Furr, Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Laura Robinson, Lisa Evanylo

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, Today after the service. All are welcome.
- Informational Meeting, Today after the service in the Sanctuary. Come find out about the budget that we will be voting to approve at the Annual Meeting June 2nd.
- Anti-Racism Group, Today at 1:00 ([Zoom](#))
- 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](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Caregivers' Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Parents' Covenant Group, Friday at 6:00 (Elarth)
- Piecemakers, Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Flower Service, NEXT Sunday at 10:00 (Sanctuary/Zoom) -- bring a flower to the service
- New Member Recognition, NEXT Sunday at 10:00 (Sanctuary/Zoom) -- if you would like to formally become a member, contact [Rev. Pam](#))
- Sundae Sunday / RE Teacher Appreciation, NEXT Sunday after the service. Stay after the service to celebrate the end of the RE year with ice cream and the fixings.

