

Order of Service

May 19, 2024

*Inclusivity is not ‘how do we make you a part of what we are?’
but ‘how do we become more of what you are?’ ~angel Kyodo williams*

Prelude *Rainbow Connection, Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher*

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 *Why We Need Everybody Everywhere All the Time, Rev. Dr. David Breeden*

Time for All Ages *The Flower Ceremony, A Plain and Simple Beauty, Janeen K. Grohsmeye (adapted)*

Gathering the Flowers *“La fille aux cheveux de lin” — Claude Debussy*

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

New Member Recognition

Receiving the Offering *½ Plate Recipient: Imagination Library of Montgomery County, VA*
[Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory *“Spring Intermezzo” — Betty Jackson King*

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *Rev. William Sinkford*

Meditation Hymn *#1051, We Are . . .*

Reading *Radical Hospitality Theology, Renee Ruchotzke*

Sermon *A Bouquet of Blessings*

Closing Hymn *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Flower Communion *“Forest Flower” — Charles Lloyd*

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Victoria Taylor
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Chalice Lighter: McKinley Rountree
Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jim Flowers; A/V Tech: Lucas Machi;
Flowers: Amanda Morgan & the Congregation; Snack Providers: Connections
Sanctuary Greeters: Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston, Lisa Evanylo, Cynthia Luke, Akiko Nakata
Zoom Greeter: Don Philyaw & KC Arceneaux

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)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Multigenerational Worship (no children's RE), NEXT Sunday



Stay after the service for **Sundae Sunday**, celebrating the end of the RE semester and honoring the volunteers who teach our children.