

Order of Service

[May 24, 2026](#)

*In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities. In the expert's mind there are few.
~Shunryu Suzuki*

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude *Waltzes in G# & E minor, Op.39, nos.3 & 4 — Johannes Brahms
Mary Louise Hallauer & Jared Gibbs, piano (all selections)*

Welcome, Today in Religious Education, & 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 *Entranced with Possibility, Rev. Tess Baumberger*

Opening Hymn *#361, Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Time for All Ages *Cup of Tea*

Receiving the Offering *Sharing with Imagination Library
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Offertory *Petite Suite — Claude Debussy; 1. En bateau & 3. Menuet*

Accepting the Offering

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *Memorial Day Prayer by Barbara Pescan*

Isabel Berney Award *Joe Cooley*

Meditation

Meditation Hymn *#1013, Open My Heart*

Reading *Musa al-Gharbi*

Sermon *Being Beginners*

Closing Hymn *Benediction, Eva Conley Kendrick*

Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude *Andante & Five Variations in G Major, K.501 — W. A. Mozart*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Britton Gldersleeve; Ministerial Intern: Casey Akers

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

Pianist: Mary Louise Hallauer; Board Member: Joe Cooley; Song Leader: Wayne Neu; Flowers: Barbara Taylor

Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Jim & Pauletta Copenheaver

Zoom Greeters: 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

- Information Meeting, Sunday after the service, (sanctuary)
- 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 - 4:30 pm (Room 6)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 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 (Elarth)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)
- Ordination of Ellen Plummer to the UU Ministry, Saturday at 2:00 (sanctuary)
- Flower Service, NEXT Sunday at 10:00 am -- bring a flower
- NEXT Sunday after the service: Sundae Sunday celebration, Children's Fun Time, Parents Listening Circle