

Order of Service

May 5, 2024

Pluralism isn't just diversity; it's something we create out of this diversity. ~Diana L. Eck

Prelude

"Piano Tower" — Elena Kats-Chernin

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

Rev. Tess Baumberger

Opening Hymn

#346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

Time for All Ages

The Sandwich Swap by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Announcements

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: Southpaw Cafe and Community Space
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

"The Corner Room" — Rachel Grimes

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

#323 Break Not the Circle

Reading

Marginal Wisdom, Leslie Takahashi

Sermon

Celebrating All of Who We Are

Musical Reflection

"Postcard to a Critic" — Elena Kats-Chernin

Benediction

Closing Hymn

#170 We Are A Gentle, Angry People

Extinguishing Chalice

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Chalice Lighter: TBA

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas; RE Announcement: Brian Mayer

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Barbara Taylor; Snack Providers: UUC Board

Sanctuary Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Pauletta & Jim Copenheaver, Jon Thomas

Zoom Greeter: Akiko Nakata, Toni Cox

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

- Sunday Circle: Seeking Justice: A Virginia Slave's Freedom Suit with Dan Thorpe, Today at 8:30 am (Library and [Zoom](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Building Bridges for Adults, Monday at 6:30 (Library and Zoom)
- 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)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Library & Zoom, contact Fred Piercy to attend)
- Writers Group, Thursday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Clothing Swap, Saturday at 9:00 (Elarth)
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service (Elarth)