Order of Service

November 22, 2026

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots." —Marcus Garvey

Prelude *Sonata in E Major, K. 380 by Domenico Scarlatti*

Welcome, Today in RE, 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. Michelle Collins*

Opening Hymn *#360, Here We Have Gathered*

Time for All Ages *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story, Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, Alexis Bunten, illus. Garry Meeches Sr.*

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

Opportunities to Engage

Offering ½ plate recipient: *Monacan Indian Nation*

Donate online, *Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory *"Sheep May Safely Graze," BWV 208 from the Birthday Cantata by J.S. Bach*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *A Table That Holds Both Gratitude And Grief*

Meditation Hymn *#1010, We Give Thanks*

Reading *A Cause for Thanksgiving? Daniel Gregoire*

Sermon *A Time for Gratitude and Healing*

Closing Hymn *#318, We Would Be One*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *Notturno, Op 54, no.4 by Edvard Grieg*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Steve Keighton
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs
Pianist: Mary Louise Hallauer; Chalice Lighter: McKinley Rountree
Song Leader: Jennifer Thomas; Finance Committee Chair: Ann Ruple; Flowers: Amanda Morgan
Greeters: Rami Steinruck, Cynthia Luke, Rob Ingenito, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield
Zoom Greeters: Toni Cox & Akiko Nakata

Our Mission

Inspire *spiritual and ethical growth.*
Create *compassionate community.*
Transform *our community and the world through courageous love.*

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, 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday at 3:00 (Picnic Area or Sanctuary)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 (Zoom)
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon (library and Zoom) Reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.*
- ~~Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)~~ cancelled
- Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday at 2:00 (sign up here)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Elizabeth Dell)