

Order of Service

October 1, 2023

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

~Marcus Garvey

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

Romanian Dances by Béla Bartók

2. *Braul (Waistband Dance)*

3. *Pe Loc (Stamping Dance)*

4. *Buciumeana (Hornpipe Dance)*

Welcome, Opportunities, & 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

Rev. Elizabeth M Strong

Opening Hymn

#212 We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Time for All Ages

The Story of the Little Oak Tree by Barbara Marshman

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: [He/She/Ze/We](#)

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Offertory

Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 69, No. 1 by Fryderyk Chopin

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

#1043 Székely Áldás

Reading

Rev. David Bumbaugh

Sermon

Before UU

Musical Reflection

"If With All Your Hearts" from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn

Benediction

Closing Hymn

#318 We Would Be One

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Earle Irwin

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;

Piano: Mary Louise Hallauer; Songleader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter: Delaney Rountree

A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Polly Stimson; Snack Table: The Stimsons

Sanctuary Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, Jon Thomas

Zoom Greeters: 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: Supporting Transgender Youth and Families with Shannon McKay, Executive Director of He/She/Ze/We, Sunday at 8:30 (Library or on [Zoom](#))
- Discussion Group: Populism and Authoritarianism - Threats to Democracy, Sunday at 11:30 in room 6
- Adult Building Bridges: Buddhism, Sunday at 12:30 in Room 3 and on [Zoom](#), register [here](#)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- 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)
- Piecemakers, Thursday at 6:30 pm (library)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at noon (UUC, contact [Cynthia Luke](#))