Order of Service

October 18, 2026

Anyone can slay a dragon but try waking up every morning and loving the world all over again. That's what takes a real hero. ~Brian Andreas

Prelude *"Old Clothes" — Wynton Kelly*
Jared Gibbs, Chris Hess, Jack Wolverton

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 *Kate Bowler*

Opening Hymn *#131, Love Will Guide Us*

Time for All Ages *Malala's Magic Pencil, Malala Yousafzai*

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

Opportunities to Engage

Special Music *"Auction Time"*
Kim & Patrick Feucht, Jack Wolverton, Jim Kern, Chris Hess, Jared Gibbs

Offering ½ plate recipient: *Roanoke Diversity Center*
Donate online, *Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory *"Spiritual" — John Coltrane*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows and
Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *A Sikh Prayer for America on Nov 9, 2016, Valarie Kaur*

Meditation Hymn *#170, We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

Reflection

Sermon *Courageous Hope*

Closing Hymn *#368, Now Let Us Sing*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *"Autumn Leaves" — Joseph Kosma & Johnny Mercer*
Jared Gibbs, Chris Hess, Jack Wolverton

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs
Board Member: Helen Renqvist; Chalice Lighter: McKinley Rountree
Song Leader: Jim Flowers; AV: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Polly Stimson
Greeters: Beth McClellan, Robin Cooley, Crosby Houston, Rami Steinruck, Lisa Evanylo
Zoom Greeters: KC Arceneaux, Akiko Nakata, Bruce Turner

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

- Parents Group, Sunday at 11:30 am (Lower Level)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday at 3:00 (Picnic Area or Sanctuary)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 (Zoom)
- Caregivers' Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 (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)
- Writers' Group, Thursday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Elizabeth Dell)
- Newcomers' Orientation, Saturday at 9:30 (Elarth - contact Rev. Pam)