Order of Service

October 25, 2026

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." - Arthur Ashe

Prelude *Prelude in C Major, Op. 28, no. 1 — Chopin*

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 *#1007, There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

Time for All Ages *It's Scary to be Hungry*

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

Opportunities to Engage

Offering ½ plate recipient: *Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry*

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

Offertory *Prelude in F# Major, Op. 28, no. 13 — Chopin*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *The Serenity Prayer, Reinhold Niebuhr*

Meditation Hymn *#86, Blessed Spirit of My Life*

Reflection

Sermon *The Courage to Change the Things We Can*

Closing Hymn *#1017, Building a New Way*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *"My Dear Companion" — Rachel Grimes*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs
Grounds Committee Member: Greg Evanylo; Chalice Lighter:
Song Leader: Wayne Neu; AV: Jim Kern; Flowers: Amanda Morgain
Greeters: Steve Keighton, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, 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

- EarthSpirit Sisters Full Moon Celebration, Sunday at 6:30 pm (Labyrinth)
- 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)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Elizabeth Dell)
- Grounds Work Day, Saturday at 9:30 - 12:00 (please sign up so we get enough pizza!)
- Celebration of Life for Tim Pickering, NEXT Sunday at 2:00 (Sanctuary & Zoom) Contact Polly Stimson if you can bring food for the reception.