

Order of Service

October 26, 2025

"To love our enemy is impossible. The moment we understand our enemy, we feel compassion towards them, and they are no longer our enemy." ~Thich Nhat Hanh

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

Prelude in D minor, BWV 851 - J.S. Bach

Welcome and 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. Michelle Collins

Opening Hymn

#1000 Morning Has Come

Time for All Ages

It's Scary to be Hungry

Singing the Children to their Classes

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

Willow Weep for Me - Ann Ronnel

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Metta Meditation

Meditation Hymn

Hold My Hope

Reading

When the World Numbs, Stay Tender, Rev. Cameron Trimble

Homily

Cultivating Compassion when it is Difficult

Closing Hymn

#1015 I Know I Can

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes - Jerome Kern & Otto Harbach

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute; Chalice Lighter:

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Song Leader: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Amanda Morgan; A/V Tech:

Sanctuary Greeters: Steve Keighton, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Gail Dutchess & 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, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday 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)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Cynthia Luke)
- Newcomers Orientation, Saturday at 9:30 am (library)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday at 9:30 am (sanctuary) -- come rehearse music to perform during the service on Sunday morning
- Community Game Night, Saturday at 6:00 pm (Elarth)
- Sunday Circle: Integrative Pet Medicine with Carol Kern, NEXT Sunday 8:30 am (Library and [Zoom](#))
- Safer Congregation Meeting, NEXT Sunday after the service (Sanctuary)