

## Order of Service

[October 27, 2024](#)

*Listening to both sides of a story will convince you that there is more to a story than both sides. ~Frank Tyger*

**Prelude** *“Rainbow Connection” — Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher*

### 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. Erik Walker Wikstrom*

### Opening Hymn

*#1023, Building Bridges*

### Time for All Ages

*It’s Scary to Be Hungry*

### Singing the Children to their Classes

*Reeb’s Children Benediction*

### 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

*Pictures at an Exhibition — Modest Mussorgsky  
2. “The Old Castle”*

### Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

### Candles of Hope and Remembrance

### Meditation

*How to survive the apocalypse, Sean Parker Dennison*

### Meditation Hymn

*#1012 When I am Frightened*

### Reading

*Valarie Kaur*

### Sermon

*When Listening is Scary*

### Closing Hymn

*#1022, Open the Window*

### Benediction and Extinguishing Chalice

### Postlude

*“Autumn Leaves” — Joseph Kosma & Johnny Mercer*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Piano: Jared Gibbs

Songleader: Jane Mahone; Chalice Lighter: Circe Roberts

RE Announcement: ; Flowers: Barbara Taylor; A/V Team; Snacks: Worship Services Team

Sanctuary Greeters: Carol Kern, Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata and Gail Dutchess

### **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**

- It's Scary to Be Hungry, Sunday 12:00 - 4:00 pm (Gables Kroger -- come see the kids!)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- 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)
- Choir Discussion, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Library & [Zoom](#))
- Writers Group, Thursday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Put-the-Grounds-to-Bed Work Day and Pizza!, Saturday, 9:30-noon ([sign up here](#))