

## Order of Service

October 29, 2023

*"To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves."*

*~ Alice Walker*

### Sounding the Bowl

#### Prelude

*"Long Before Us" and "Every Morning, Birds" by Rachel Grimes*

### 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

*Alice Walker*

### Opening Hymn

*UUC Choir: "Song for the Generations" by Larry Schultz*

### Covenant *(on second page)*

### 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

*Fugue in C# minor, BWV 849 by J.S. Bach*

### Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

### Candles of Hope and Remembrance

### Meditation

*Utah Phillips*

### Meditation Hymn

*#1001 "Breaths"*

### Reading

*"Legacy of an Adopted Child" - author unknown*

### Homily

*"Who Loved You into Being?"*

### Musical Reflection

*"I'll Be Seeing You" — Sammy Fain/Irving Kahal*

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn

*#1051 "We Are..."*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Ministerial Intern: Anna Tulou; Worship Associate: Gretchen Luke  
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Choir Director: Ella Kromin  
Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Jennifer Thomas; Chalice Lighter: Osiris King  
A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers & Altar: Gretchen Luke & Darla Bray; Snacks: Grounds Ministry  
Sanctuary Greeters: Laura Robinson, Lisa Evanylo, Judy Furr, Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston  
Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, Gail Dutchess, Suzi Hiatt

### **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**

- Endowment Committee Today at 11:30am -12:30pm (Library)
- It's Scary to be Hungry Today at 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (S. Main Kroger)
- Building Bridges Today at 12:30 pm -2:00 pm(Library)
- OWL for Young Adults Today at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Library)
- Community Sing for Hope, Justice and Mourning Today, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Fire Pit)
- Men's Breakfast (Library), Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Instill Mindfulness Inspire Group, Tuesday- 3-4:30 pm (Elarth)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00- 6 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 - 10 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon- 1:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30-6:30 pm (Elarth)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 -8:30 pm (Sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at noon (UUC, contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Fall Grounds work day, Saturday 9:30-12:00 pm