

Order of Service

October 4, 2026

"Sometimes even to live is an act of courage." ~Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Prelude **UUC Breakfast Club** *"Fight Song" by Rachel Platten*

Welcome, Today in RE, & 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 *Courage-ing, Rev. Dr. David Breeden*

Opening Hymn *#118, This Little Light of Mine*

Time for All Ages *I Can Do Hard Things, by Gabi Garcia*

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

Opportunities to Engage

Offering ½ plate recipient: [Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory *"Raindrop" Prelude in D ♭ Major, Op.28, no.15 - Chopin*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *Opening Our Hearts Once Again, Rev. Michelle Collins*

Hymn *#6, Just as Long as I Have Breath*

Celebrating Quiet Courage

Responsive Reading *The Courage of Patience, Rev. Richard S. Gilbert*

Special Music **UUC Breakfast Club** *"Hiding Place" by Elenowen*

Sermon *Quiet Courage*

Closing Hymn *#1028, Fire of Commitment*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *"Fire of Commitment" (Reprise)*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Steve Keighton

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

Board Treasurer: Ashley Dugan; Song Leader: Wayne Neu;

Chalice Lighter: Beatrice Mutschler; Flowers: Carol Kern; AV: Jim Kern

Greeters: Carol Kern, Ashley Dugan, Josh Dugan, Lisa Evanylo, Bea Yancey

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

- Sunday Circle, On the Ballot: Three Virginia Constitutional Amendments with Carolyn Rude and Pat Hyer, Sunday at 8:30 am (Library & [Zoom](#))
- YRUU Book Sale, Sunday 9:00 - noon (Elarth)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 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](#))
- 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 (UUC)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 (Library, contact Cassy Kost to attend)
- Adopt-a-Highway, Saturday at 9:00 am (Lowe's parking lot, contact Bob Stimson)
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service -- bring a dish to share
- YRUU Book Sale, NEXT Sunday 9:00 - noon (Elarth)