

Order of Service

October 8, 2023

The present is the past rolled up for action. The past is the present unrolled for understanding."

~Will and Ariel Durant

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 846 — J.S. Bach

Welcome & 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 Hymn

#318 We Would Be One

Opening Words

Andrew C. Kennedy

Time for All Ages: UUC Choir

Everything Possible, Fred Small

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children Benediction

Community Opportunities & Offerings

Receiving the Offering

*½ Plate Recipient: [New River Abortion Access Fund](#)
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App*

Offertory

*English Suite no. 2, in a minor, BWV 807 — J.S. Bach
1. Prelude*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

#1054, Let this be a House of Peace

Reading

Voices from Our Heritage

Sermon

Our Blended Family

Musical Reflection

"Let's Stay Together" — Al Green

Benediction

Closing Hymn

#145, As Tranquil Streams

Recessional

"Autumn Leaves" — Joseph Kosma & Johnny Mercer

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Laurence Magee

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; RE announcement: Brandie Lemmon

Piano: Jared Gibbs; Choir Director: Ella Kromen; Songleader: Mary Ann Hansen; Chalice Lighter: Olivia Cochran

A/V Tech: Chris Long; Flowers: Gloria Heath; Potluck Volunteers: Franklyn Moreno

Sanctuary Greeters: Laura Robinson, Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Jim Copenheaver, Lisa Evanylo

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata & Bruce Turner

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

- Second Sunday Potluck, after the service this Sunday
- Discussion Group: Populism and Authoritarianism - Threats to Democracy, Sunday at 11:30 in room 6
- Grounds Work Day, 11:30 - 1:00 -- meet by the Crescent Garden before or after the potluck to lend a hand taking care of our grounds.
- Anti-Racism Book Discussion, Chapter 12 of *1619 Project*, Sunday at 1:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Parent Bereavement support group, Monday at 6:00 pm (Zoom -- contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#))
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Caregivers Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 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 Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 pm (library/Zoom, contact [Fred Piercy](#) to attend)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at noon (UUC, contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Sunday Circle - Voting Rights in Virginia: History, Present, and What's Next? with Carolyn Rude, Next Sunday at 11:45 a.m.