

Order of Service

July 28, 2024

“Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom.

Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.” Tao Te Ching, Lao Tzu

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

1st Gymnopedie, Erik Satie

Welcome and Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

Fragments of Holiness, Chaim Stern

We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.

Opening Words

Why More is Never Enough, Arthur Brooks

Opening Hymn

#360 Here We Have Gathered

UUC Covenant *(next page)*

Receiving the Offering

½ Plate Recipient: New River Valley Shelter

Donate online, Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

Hey Jude, The Beatles

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Gratitude Meditation, Rev. Doug McCusker

Meditation Hymn

#1301 Filled With Loving Kindness

Reading

Tao Te Ching verse 3, Lao Tsu

Sermon

Why Can't We Be Satisfied?

Closing Hymn

#331 Life is the Greatest Gift of All

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

What a Wonderful World, Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

Special Thanks

Settled Minister: Rev. Pam Philips **Guest Minister:** Rev. Doug McCusker

Worship Associate: Ellen Plummer

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine

Vibraphone: Brian Peters **A/V Tech:** Jim Kern, Chris Long, Lucas Machi

Flowers: Amanda Morgan **Song Leader:** Jane Mahone

Sanctuary Greeters: Linda Pfeiffer, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, 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

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA, Tuesday 7:00 - 10:00 pm (UUC)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)