

**Order of Service
September 8, 2024**

How Wide Does the Door Open?

Prelude Prelude in C Major, Op 28, No. 1 - Frédéric Chopin

Welcome & Opportunities

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 “We Gather to Draw a Wider Circle” Rev Gretchen Haley

Opening Hymn “Now Let Us Sing” by anonymous sung by UUC Choir

Time for All Ages

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

Announcements

UUC Covenant

Receiving the Offering ½ Plate Recipient: Literacy NRV, [Donate online](#), Text “Fund” to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory Sonata in A Major, Op. 101, Ludwig van Beethoven

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows *submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn #1031 “Filled with Loving Kindness”

Reflection

Sermon

Closing Hymn #146 “Soon the Day Will Arrive” Ehud Manor

Benediction & Extinguishing Chalice

Postlude Windows by Chick Corea

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Denise Martin
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Chalice Lighter:
Piano: Jared Gibbs; Songleader: Wayne Neu; RE Announcement:
A/V Tech: Lucas Machi, Chris Long, Jim Kern; Flowers: Bonnie Moreno; Sanctuary Greeters: Lisa
Evanylo, Liz Crane, Patrick Feucht, Cynthia Luke, Robin Cooley
Zoom Greeter: Akiko Nakata and 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

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am (UUC)
- Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Parent Bereavement Support Group, Monday at 6:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Caregivers' Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 ([Zoom](#))
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:00 (UUC)
- Piecemakers, Thursday at 6:30 (Elarth)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 (Elarth, Zoom - contact Laura Robinson to attend)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (UUC or a local restaurant)

- Middle School Youth Group, Friday at 6:30pm (UUC)