

Order of Service
September 13, 2026

*There's a teaching from Maimonides that it doesn't count as repentance
unless you have a plan not to keep repeating the same sin.*

Prelude *"Every Morning, Birds" — Rachel Grimes*

Welcome, Today in RE, and 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 *Space for New Beginnings, Rev. Scott Tayler*

Opening Hymn *#146, Soon the Day Will Arrive*

Time for All Ages *Laying Down Our Burdens*

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

Opportunities to Engage

UUC Covenant

Offering $\frac{1}{2}$ plate recipient: [Blacksburg Master Chorale](#)

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Offertory *"Abidan" — John Zorn*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Reflection & Ritual *Beginning Again in the New Year*

Hymn *#1011, Return Again*

Meditation *Prayer for Cultivating Compassion for Oneself, Rev. Michelle Collins*

Hymn *#347, Gather the Spirit*

Meditation *Prayer for Cultivating Compassion When It Feels Difficult, Rev. Collins*

Hymn *#1002, Comfort Me*

Meditation *Prayer for Cultivating Compassion for the World, Rev. Michelle Collins*

Closing Hymn *#131, Love Will Guide Us*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude *"Blue Monk" — Thelonious Monk*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Victoria Taylor

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

Song Leader & Board Member: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Bonnie Moreno

Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Liz Craine, Patrick Feucht, Jess Ireland, Robln Ingenito
Zoom Greeters: Akito Nakata & Vicki Mauer

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

- Second Sunday Potluck, Sunday after the service -- bring a dish to share
- Auction Planning Meeting, Sunday after the service (bring lunch downstairs)
- Blood Drive, Sunday after the service ([sign up here](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, 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 pm (UUC)
- Writers' Group, Thursday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact Elizabeth Dell)
- Piecemakers (quilting group), Saturday at 10:00 am (Library)
- Parents Group, NEXT Sunday at 11:30 am (Lower Level)
- Celebration of Life for Art Buikema, NEXT Sunday at 2:00 (Sanctuary & Zoom)