

Order of Service
September 17, 2023

*"Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."
~Henri Nouwen*

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude *"One Table, One Chair," Elena Kats-Chernin*

Welcome, Opportunities, 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 Words *A Theology of Welcome, by Rev. Dr. David Breeden*

Opening Hymn *#188, Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Time for All Ages *Mullah Nasruddin Feeds His Coat*

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

Receiving the Offering *½ Plate Recipient: [WVTF/Radio IQ](#)
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Offertory *"Unsent Love Letters" — Elena Kats-Chernin*

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Prayer and Meditation *A Prayer Against Circles, Rev. Scott Taylor*

Meditation Hymn *#1013, Open My Heart*

Reflection *Wake Up*

Anthem - UUC Choir *Let this be a House of Peace, Jim Scott*

Sermon *Radical Hospitality*

Musical Reflection *Sonata No. 28 in A Major Op. 101, Beethoven*

Benediction

Closing Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide, Gordon Light & Mark Miller*

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

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

Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Piano: Jared Gibbs; Choir Director: Ella Kromin

Chalice Lighter: Patrick Quigley; A/V Tech: Lucas Machi; Flowers: Mary Ann Hansen;

Sanctuary Greeters: Steve Keighton, Karen Holstein, Crosby Houston, Beth McClellan

Zoom Greeters: Akiko Nakata, KC Arceneaux, Don Philyaw

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

- Postcard Writing to encourage voting, Sunday before and after the service in Elarth Hall
- Voter Information, Sunday after the service in Elarth
- Get to Know UUC, meet at the candle table after the service
- Sunday Circle: Social Media and Teens with Rose Weshe, Sunday at 11:30 (Sanctuary and [Zoom](#))
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 (Library)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Conversations on our Faith, Wednesday at noon (library and [Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (sanctuary)
- Women's Lunch Bunch, Friday at 11:30 or 12:00 (UUC/local restaurant, contact [Cynthia Luke](#))

Sign Up for Circle Suppers by September 24th!

Circle Suppers are monthly social gatherings of 6-10 people to share a potluck meal. It's a great way to get to know folks in the congregation! Groups typically meet October-May. If you'd like to participate, fill out the [online form](#) . Groups will be formed based on the information you provide. Interested in Circle Suppers but can't commit to a monthly group at this time? The substitute list may be a great option for you! See the online form for more information.

Questions? Contact [Kim Feucht](#).

Sign Up for Soul Matters Covenant Groups -- today is the last day!

[Sign up here](#) to join a group of 6-10 people who meet once a month, September through June, to discuss themes using packets full of resources, including spiritual exercises, questions, quotations, and suggestions for reading, listening, and watching about each theme. Contact [Rev. Pam](#) if you have questions.