

Order of Service
September 21, 2025

"So when I say, 'Love is the heart of this church,' I mean that I come to church to be reminded that I am part of the love story of the universe." ~Dan McKanan

Prelude *Prelude in B Major, Op.28, no.11 — Chopin*

Welcome & Opportunities

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

We are Unitarian Universalists. This is the church of the open mind. This is the church of the loving heart. This is the church of the helping hands.

Opening Words *Rev. Kimberlee Carlson*

Opening Hymn *Joy in the Morning, Adam Podd*

Time for All Ages *Child Dedication*

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reflection *To Whom or What Do We Belong?*

Receiving the Offering *Shared Offering Recipient: [Head Start](#)
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Offertory *"unsent love letters" — Elena Kats-Chernin*

Accepting the Offering *#402, From You I Receive*

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

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *Rev. Elizabeth Bukey Saunter*

Meditation Hymn *There is a Love, Rebecca Parker & Elizabeth Norton*

Sermon *To Whom or What Do We Belong?*

Closing Hymn *21, For the Beauty of the Earth*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Blue Boat Home — arr. Gibbs*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Victoria Taylor; Music Director: Jared Gibbs
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine;
Songleader: Jane Mahone; Flowers: Barbara Taylor; A/V Tech: Chris Long & René Lowry
Sanctuary Greeters: Beth McClellan, Jennifer Thomas, Crosby Houston, Carol Kern, Lisa Evanylo
Zoom Greeter: KC Arceneaux & Akiko Nakata

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

- Caring Network Discussion, Sunday at 11:30 (Sanctuary)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Surviving Spouses, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Room 3)
- 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 ([Zoom](#))
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (UUC)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (contact [Cynthia Luke](#))
- Defending Democracy: Democracy on the Ballot, Saturday at 10:00 am (Sanctuary)
- YRUU Book Sale, NEXT Sunday 9:00 - 12:00 (Elarth)
- God is Not One, NEXT Sunday at 1:00 (Library)