

Order of Service

September 27, 2026

Living hopefully is not devoid of pain. Living hopefully means residing squarely inside of pain, naming it as real and still saying to it "You're not the only story to tell." - Maria, from Moral Courage

Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

Prelude in B Major, Op.28, no.11 - Chopin

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice for the warmth of welcome, the light of hope, and the fire of service.

Opening Words

We Begin Bound Together, Rev. Michelle Collins

Opening Hymn

#203, All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

Time for All Ages

Do Unto Otters, Laurie Keller

Singing the Children to their Classes

Reeb's Children's Benediction

Opportunities to Engage

Receiving the Offering *Church of the Larger Fellowship's Worthy Now Prison Ministry*
[Donate online](#), Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617, or use the Vanco Mobile App

Offertory

"The Poet Acts" - Philip Glass

Joys and Sorrows

Candle of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

A Blessing for the Journey, Sensei Wendy Egyoku Nakao

Meditational Hymn

#1018, Come and Go With Me

Reflection

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

Sermon

The Promise Starts Here

Closing Hymn

#121, We'll Build a Land

Benediction

Reverently we covenant together, Rev. Walter Royal Jones

Postlude

"All of Me" - Gerald Marks & Seymour Simons

Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute; Ministerial Intern: Casey Akers
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Music Director: Jared Gibbs
Chalice Lighter: Rebecca Petters; Song Leader: Jane Mahone; Flowers: Polly Stimson
Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Board Member: Doug Pfeiffer
Greeters: Cynthia Luke, Janet Sawyers, Lisa Evanylo, Bobbie Littlefield
Zoom Greeters: Toni Cox & 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

- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Inspired Elders, Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:30 pm (Room 6)
- 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 (Elarth)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)
- Breakfast Club, Saturday at (All music makers welcome to a light breakfast and then rehearse musical offerings for the next day's worship service)
- Sunday Circle, On the Ballot: Three Virginia Constitutional Amendments with Carolyn Rude and Pat Hyer, NEXT Sunday at 8:30 (Library & Zoom)
- YRUU Book Sale, NEXT Sunday after the service