

Order of Service
September 6, 2026

"Beginnings are usually scary, and endings are usually sad, but it's everything in between that makes it all worth living." ~Bob Marley

Prelude **UUC Breakfast Club** *"New Morning" — Bob Dylan*

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 *At the Edge of Something New, Rev. Michelle Collins*

Opening Hymn *#361, Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Story *First Day Jitters, Julia Danneberg*

Offering ½ plate recipient: [Head Start](#)
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Offertory *"On the Sunny Side of the Street" — Jimmy McHugh & Dorothy Fields*

Receiving the Offering

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation *The Summer Ends, Wendell Berry*

Hymn *#396, I Know This Rose Will Open*

Reflection *Beginnings Begin at an End*

Sermon *Beginning Now*

Closing Hymn *#354, We Laugh, We Cry*

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude **UUC Breakfast Club** *"Don't Stop" — Christine McVie*

Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Worship Associate: Britton Gildersleeve

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

Song Leader: Wayne Neu; Chalice Lighter: ; Flowers: Barbara Taylor

Greeters: Pauletta Copenheaver, Jim Copenheaver, Cynthia Luke, Liz Craine, Bea Yancey

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.

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)
- Surviving Spouses, 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)
- Caregiver's Support Group, Tuesday at 7:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- 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 (UUC)
- Board Meeting, Thursday at 7:00 (Library & Zoom - contact Cassy Kost)
- Community Game and Craft Night, Saturday at 6:00 pm
- Second Sunday Potluck, NEXT Sunday after the service -- bring a dish to share
- Auction Planning Meeting, NEXT Sunday after the service (bring lunch downstairs to the meeting)
- Blood Drive, NEXT Sunday after the service ([sign up here](#))