

## Order of Service

January 18, 2026

*"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."*

*~ Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### Sounding the Bowl

Prelude

*Contradance #1 in C Major — Ludwig van Beethoven*

Welcome, Opportunities, and Today in RE

Greeting One Another

Kindling the Flame of Community

Opening Words

*by Kendyl L. R. Gibbons*

Opening Hymn

*#146, Soon the Day Will Arrive*

Time for All Ages

*Stone Soup*

Singing the Children to their Classes

*Reeb's Children's Benediction*

Receiving the Offering

*sharing with the NAACP*

Offertory

*"At the Pond" — Rachel Grimes*

Sharing Our Joys & Sorrows

*submit your joy or sorrow to be read aloud [here](#)*

Candles of Hope and Remembrance

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

*We Shall Be Known*

Reading

*Greenwood & Harris, Intro. to the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions (2011)*

Sermon

*A UU Heritage of Resistance*

Closing Hymn

*#1028, The Fire of Commitment*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Postlude

*"Every Morning, Birds" — Rachel Grimes*

Lead Worship Associate: Ellen Plummer; Worship Associate: Cynthia Baute; LFD Assistant: Jocelyn Hildebrand  
Minister: Rev. Pam Philips; Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Rachel Craine; Chalice Lighter: Patrick Quigley

Music Director: Jared Gibbs; Song Leader: Jennifer Thomas; Flowers: Amanda Morgan; A/V Tech:

Sanctuary Greeters: Beth McClellan, Jon Thomas, Crosby Houston, Steve Keighton, Lisa Evanylo

Zoom Greeters: 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**

- Martin Luther King Day Program, Sunday at 3:00 (Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Christiansburg)
- Men's Breakfast, Monday at 7:00 am & Women's Breakfast, Monday at 7:30 am (UUC)
- Sages, Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Library)
- Inspired Elder, Tuesday at 3:00 pm (6)
- Meditation, Tuesday at 5:00 pm ([Zoom](#))
- Men's Group, Tuesday at 6:00 pm (offsite, contact Graham Glynn for info)
- UUYA's - UU Young Adults, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Elarth)
- Yoga, Wednesday at 5:30 pm (Elarth)
- Date with Death, Wednesday at 6:00 pm (Library)
- Women's Lunch, Friday at noon (Library)
- Celebration of Life of David Burr, Saturday at 11:00 am (Sanctuary and [Zoom](#))