Accotink

Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming & Inclusive Spiritual Home

where we inspire each other to live our values. Together we Care in Community, Grow in Spirit, & Act for Justice.

Theme for February: Inclusion



February 23, 2025 IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES at 10a

Minister: Reverend William Levwood email: revleywood@accotinkuu.org

Minister's Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 10a-4p
Virtual or In Person Hours outside of these hours are available by appointment ONLY.

email Reverend Levwood for scheduling
For immediate pastoral support call Rev. Levwood directly at (571) 210-0816

Director of Children & Youth Spiritual Development: Michele Andersen email: dsd@accotinkuu.org

Music Director: Brad Rinaldo email: music@accotinkuu.org

Congregational Administrator: RW Carney III email: administrator@accotinkuu.org

Contact Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11a - 3p

WE ARE A GLOBAL FAITH

Question(s) to Ponder: "What does it feel like to be included?"

RINGING BOWL

PRELUDE Tshotsholoza (trad. South African, arr. Jeffery L. Ames)

performed by AUUC Choir

WELCOMING WORDS

Judy Robison

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

*SEASON FOR NON-VIOLENCE CHALICE LIGHTING (read aloud by Alexandria Fuller)

We celebrate the Season for Nonviolence each year between January 30 and April 4. You can learn more about the ways to observe this special season honoring the peaceful pursuit of justice at accotinkuu.org/season-for-nonviolence.

This Sunday we will light our chalice with the words of this Jainist prayer,

"Peace and universal love is the essence of all the Gospels. Forgive do I creatures all, and let all creatures forgive me."

CENTERING WORDS

CENTERING SONG

#182, O, The Beauty in a Life

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

*As the children recess to their learning groups sing them out with the *Reeb Children's Benediction*.

The Nursery is available for infants to preschool aged children.

Volunteer caregivers are needed for our youngest children, please email Michele Andersen at <u>dsd@accotinkuu.org</u> to sign up.

This week the Elementary Class (Kindergarten - 5th Grade) will be exploring why UUs feel it is so important to help others and brainstorm things they would like to do to make the world just a little bit better.

This week the Youth Group (Grades 6 - 12) we will be exploring the platinum rule - treat others as they want to be treated and how that relates to the current political news.

JOYS & SORROWS

PASTORAL ANTHEM

Now I Recall My Childhood

words by Radindranath Tagore, music by Alfred Morton Smith

PRAYER

MEDITATION IN SONG #1034. De Noche

READING

REFLECTION We Are a Global Faith
Reverend Morgan R. McLean

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Walk in Love

words by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon, music by Deanna Witkowski performed by AUUC

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHALICE EXTINGUISHING WITH COMMUNITY BLESSING

This church is dedicated to the proposition that by celebrating our differences and embracing our diversity we honor the unity that makes us one and binds us forever together in spite of time, death and the space between the stars. We pause now in silent witness to that unity.

David Bumbaugh, adapted

BENEDICTION

COFFEE HOUR

~ We welcome people of all ages into our worship service.

Outreach Collection Sponsor: Joe Tuggle & Racial Justice Committee

Special thanks to:

Service Webinar Management: Jenn Carlson Worship Associate: Judy Robison

Guest Speaker: Reverend Morgan R. McLean

Each Sunday dozens of **volunteers** work together to make this service a success. If you'd like to be an Sunday Service Volunteer or some additional asset to Accotink as a whole, contact RW Carney III at (703) 503-4579 or at administrator@accotinkuu.org. Volunteering is a great way to form relationships with other Accotinkers.

^{*} Latecomers are still welcome.

Welcome to our Newcomers

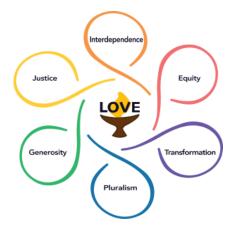
If this is your first Sunday with us, please be sure to sign up for our future broadcast services and various newsletters via our in service chat options or by emailing, info@accotinkuu.org.

A variety of information about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation is available via our website and contact forms. A friendly AUUC Staff Member and/or Volunteer will be happy to answer your questions. In addition, we also publish a weekly newsletter, filled with information and opportunities to make a difference locally and nationally. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please speak to the Church Administrator at administrator@accotinkuu.org, and we will see to it that your name is added to our mailing list. We invite you to either download and/or print out this Order of Service. Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service today.

Our Shared Unitarian Universalist Values

Love is at the center of Unitarian Universalism. Love is the practice of our living tradition.

As Unitarian Universalists we covenant to:



- **Equity:** We help everyone flourish with Dignity by building accessible and inclusive communities.
- *Interdependence:* We honor the web of life by protecting Earth & all beings from exploitation.
- **Justice:** We work to be Beloved Community by dismantling racism and all forms of systemic oppression.
- Generosity: We cultivate generosity by freely sharing our Faith, presence, and resources.
- **Pluralism:** We celebrate diversity by embracing our differences with love and respect.
- Transformation: We adapt to change, transforming the world with love by growing together, spiritually and ethically.

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