

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 October: Cultivating Compassion



October 12, 2025

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES at 10a

Minister: Reverend William Levwood

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Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday 10a-2p & Wednesday 10a-5p

Virtual or In Person Hours outside of these hours are available by appointment ONLY.

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

DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY: WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER

For Reflection: “When was a time that compassion motivated you to do something really hard that you otherwise might not have done?”

RINGING BOWL

GATHERING SONG

*LVDC #28 Vamos todos adelante / Sin volver atras
(Keep on Moving Forward / Never Turning Back)*

WELCOMING WORDS

Sheilah Dols

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

CENTERING WORDS

CHALICE LIGHTING

CENTERING SONG

#1017, Building a New Way

TIME FOR ALL AGES

***Dorothea Sophia & the Stray Cat
by William Levwood***

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

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

NURSERY/PLAYGROUP (Infant - PreK): Nursery caregivers create a safe and comfortable place to explore and nurture a sense of belonging.

LEGO VALUES (Grades K - 4): This Sunday we will explore LOVE and KINDNESS as the Center of UU.

VALUES CHALLENGE (Grades 5 - 9 & 10 - 12 visitors): This Sunday we will finish our art to support homes for all through VOICE..

Our Whole Lives / OWL (Grades 10 - 12): Our sexuality education program requires a separate parent permission orientation and permission form. This week there is no session due to the campout. 10/19/25 is Session 4.

JOYS & SORROWS

PASTORAL ANTHEM

*We’ll Build a Land
music by Carolyn McDade*

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

MEDITATION IN SONG

LVDC #11, De Noche Iremos

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Sheilah Dols

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*We’ll Build a Land
music by Carolyn McDade*

READING

*The Low Road
by Marge Piercy*

SERMON

Defending Our Democracy: We Belong to Each Other
Reverend William Levwood

CLOSING SONG

#121, We'll Build a Land (adapted)

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

DONATE

* Latecomers are still welcome.

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

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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.

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*

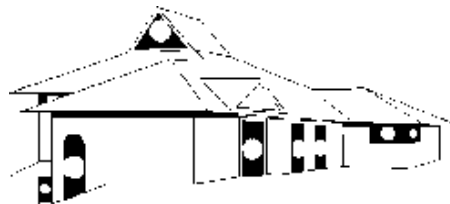
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