

# 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 November: Nurturing Gratitude



**November 16, 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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**Director of Children & Youth Spiritual Development:** Michele Andersen

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**Congregational Administrator:** RW Carney III

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

## SHARING THE GIFT

***For Reflection:*** “How does gratitude change the way you feel inside?  
And how does that change how you act?”

**RINGING BOWL**

**GATHERING SONG**

*What We Need Is Here*  
words by Wendell Berry, music by Amy McCreath

**WELCOME**

***Connie Diamant***

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CENTERING SONG**

*#317, We Are Not Our Own*

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

***Those Shoes***  
by Maribeth Boelts, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones

**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 VALUUES (Grades K - 4):*** This Sunday we will focus on the value of *GENEROSITY* and how it can be hard sometimes.

***VALUUES CHALLENGE (Grades 5 - 9 & 10 - 12 visitors):*** This Sunday we will focus on the value of *GENEROSITY* and the actions it helps us to take.

***Our Whole Lives / OWL (Grades 10 - 12):*** Our sexuality education program requires a separate parent permission orientation and permission form. This week is Session 7.

**JOYS & SORROWS**

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
words & music by Rev. Robert Lowry; arr. by Adam & Matt Podd  
***performed by AUUC Choir***

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**MEDITATION IN SONG**

*#389, Gathered Here*

**READING**

**SERMON**

***Sharing the Gift***  
***Reverend William Levwood***

**INTRODUCTION OF OUTREACH SPEAKER**

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***Sally Latimer***  
***Executive Director of Monacan Indian Nation Food Bank***

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

**Whitney Purdy**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Love Is Little (Traditional Shaker Hymn)  
arr. Kevin Siegfried  
performed by AUUC Choir*

## 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.

**Outreach Collection Sponsor:**      **Sheilah Dols**

Special thanks to:

Worship Associate:                      Connie Diamant

Board/Committee Host:                Whitney Purdy

**Guest Speaker:**                        **Sally Latimer**

**Executive Director of Monacan Indian Nation Food Bank**



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

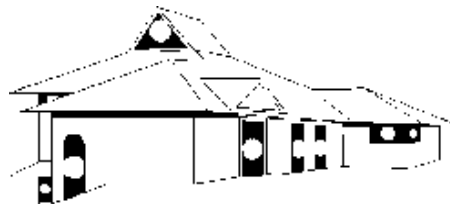
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