

# 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 December: Choosing Hope**



**December 21, 2025  
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES at 10a**

**Minister:** Reverend William Levwood  
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**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesday 10a-5p & Wednesday 10a-5p  
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**Contact Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11a - 3p

## CHOOSING HOPE, AGAIN AND AGAIN

**For Reflection:** “When was a time you almost gave up but didn’t?  
What helped you hold on?”

### RINGING BOWL

### PRELUDER

#357, *Bright Morning Stars Are Rising*

### WELCOME

*Connie Diamant*

### GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

### CENTERING WORDS

### CHALICE LIGHTING

### CENTERING SONG

#168, *One More Step*

### TIME FOR ALL AGES

*House Mouse & Senate Mouse*  
by Peter W. Barnes & Cheryl Barnes

### 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 week we will explore EQUITY versus Equality.

**VALUUES CHALLENGE (Grades 5 - 9 & 10 - 12 visitors):** This week we will explore Equality, EQUITY, and Liberation.

**Our Whole Lives / OWL (Grades 10 - 12):** Our sexuality education program requires a separate parent permission orientation and permission form. This week is Session 9.

### JOYS & SORROWS

### PASTORAL ANTHEM

*The Work of Christmas*  
music by Dan Forrest, words by Howard Thurman  
performed by AUUC Choir

### SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

### SONG OF REFLECTION

*Servants of Love (from Sing Out Love)*  
words by Kendyl Gibbons, music by Carson Cooman

### READING

### SERMON

*Choosing Hope, Again and Again*  
Reverend William Levwood

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*John Hall*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hope*  
by Ysaye M. Barnwell  
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**

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- \* Latecomers are still welcome.
- ~ We welcome people of all ages into our worship service.

**Outreach Collection Sponsor:** Judy Usherson

Special thanks to:

Service Webinar Management:

Jenn Carlson

Worship Associate:

Connie Diamant

Board/Committee Host:

John Hall



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

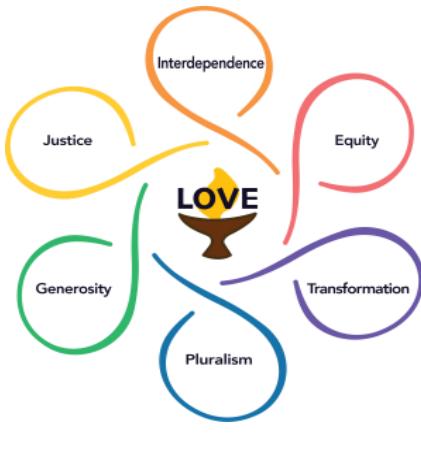
If this is your first Sunday with us, please be sure to sign up for our future broadcast services and various newsletters via our in service chat options or by emailing, [info@accotinkuu.org](mailto:info@accotinkuu.org).

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*

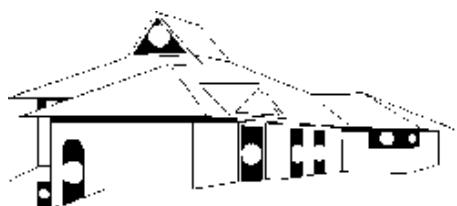
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