

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

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

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

PRELUDE

#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 VALUES (Grades K - 4): This week we will explore *EQUITY* versus Equality.

VALUES 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

- * 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. 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*

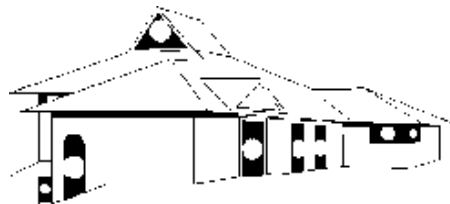
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