

# 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 April: Embracing Possibilities**



**April 26, 2026**

**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES at 10a**

**Minister:** Reverend William Levwood

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**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesday 11a-7p & Wednesday 11a-7p

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

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*For immediate pastoral support call Rev. Levwood directly at (571) 210-0816*

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**Congregational Administrator:** Briana Raines

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**“WHEN THE FOREST BREATHE OUT, WE BREATHE IN”**

*For Reflection: What special gift will you give to the Earth?*

**RINGING BOWL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOMING WORDS**

*Nancy Melito*

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CENTERING SONG**

*#19 The Sun That Shines*  
**Song Leader: Jacqueline Haven**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

*Bud Finds Her Gift*  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer,  
illustrated by Naoko Stoop  
**Michele Andersen**

**CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL**

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

In addition to the Nursery/Playgroup (Infants - PreK), AUUC is offering the following groups:

**LEGO VALUES (Grades K - 5):** This week is a FAITH IN ACTION week where we will explore our monthly theme of EMBRACING POSSIBILITIES as it relates to SUSTAINABILITY in our communities.

**OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL Grades 4 - 6 - permission required):** Our Lifespan Sexuality Education curriculum is being offered currently for grades 4 - 6, with a parent/guardian having attended the Orientation and given written permission. This week is Lesson 6.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (Grades 6 - 8):** This week is a FAITH IN ACTION week where we will explore our monthly theme of EMBRACING POSSIBILITIES as it relates to REDUCING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, and try our hands at COMPOSTING.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (Grades 9 - 12):** HS Youth are invited to join worship or make a composting jar with the Middle School.

**MAY DAY TESTIMONIAL**

*Zoe Gandee*

**JOYS & SORROWS**

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**MEDITATION IN SONG**

*Alleluia from Sing out Love*  
by Kenneth P. Langer

**MEDITATION**

*Mary Rose Janya*

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

*Sheilah Dols*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**REFLECTION**

**Our Nearly Native Garden**  
*Suzanne Doherty*

**READING**

Excerpt from *When the Forest Breathes*  
by Suzanne Simard  
*Dale Howell*

**REFLECTION**

**Giving Back to the Mother Trees**  
*Marsha White*

**CLOSING SONG**

*Rooted in Fertile Ground* from *Sing Out Love*  
by Amanda Udis-Kessler

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHALICE EXTINGUISHING WITH COMMUNITY BLESSING**

*“This church is dedicated to the proposition that behind all our differences and beneath all our diversity there is a 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*

**BENEDICTION**

**COFFEE HOUR**



\* Latecomers are still welcome.

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



**Outreach Collection Sponsor: TGEA**

Special thanks to:

Generosity Host: Sheilah Dols

Worship Associate: Nancy Melito

Tech Manager: Dylan Stewart

Guest Musician: Alex Tang

Song Leader: Jacqueline Haven

Worship Leaders: Green Sanctuary

**Each Sunday dozens of volunteers work together to make this service a success.**

If you'd like to be a Sunday Service Volunteer  
or explore other opportunities for volunteering at AUUC,  
you can call (703) 503-4579 and leave a message,  
or send an email to [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, curiosity, and respect.*
- **Transformation:** *We adapt to change, transforming the world with love by growing together, spiritually and ethically.*

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