

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday November 13, 2022, 10:15 AM
“Living in Covenant”



Transition Team

Sam Beshers, Kiri Fagen-Ulmschneider, Jim Hannum, Anne Newman, Karla Peterson
Avalon Ruby, AV technician
Juan Camacho, Accompanist

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude “Intermezzo” from Op. 118 by Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Chalice Lighting

“From the power of our memory and history,
With high hopes for the days that lie ahead,
We gather to craft the destiny we share with one another.

We gather with hearts and minds open
To the wisdom in every voice among us.

May we dream and design a bold future.
May we bring our best selves to this service,
And may we dream these dreams
And do this work with love.”

-- Heather K. Janules

Hymn 18* What wondrous love

Time for All Ages Jim Hannum

Reading Anne Newman

Blessing Song Spirit of Life

Shared Joys & Sorrows (send your joys and sorrows to joysandsorrows@uucuc.org)

Musical Meditation “Improvisation” by Juan Camacho

Reading Karla Peterson

Community Matters

Offertory music “We Shall Be Known” by MaMuse
UU Band -- Jim Hannum, Sam Beshers, Chris Hannauer, Jody Hanger,
Linda Owens, Steve Troyer

Reading Anne Newman

Reflection Living in Covenant Sam Beshers and Transition Team

Hymn 318* We Would Be One

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Postlude “Allegro” from Italian Concerto by Johann Sebastian Bach

***Standing as you are able.**

Congregational Covenant

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, strive to sustain a caring community that promotes the personal and spiritual well-being of our members and of the larger world in which we live. To this end,

We promise to participate actively in the life of our church, to contribute as we are able, and to express appreciation for others' contributions.

We promise to join in shaping congregational life through processes that are open, inclusive, and transparent, and to support the decisions made by our chosen leaders and the congregation as a whole.

We promise to celebrate the diversity of our collective experiences and backgrounds including race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical ability and economic means even as we struggle to understand those differences.

We promise to express our differences openly and respectfully, speaking directly with those involved, listening closely, offering real solutions in ways that are constructive and not judgmental, and accepting conflict as an inevitable aspect of healthy relationships.

We promise to provide an atmosphere for the minister to challenge us to think critically and creatively about all issues, thus carrying our congregations' commitment to a free pulpit.

We promise to respect our children, to encourage their development as whole people, and to teach them the values of our religion, and other religions, as well.

We promise to welcome those who are new to our church and faith by learning about their journeys, by providing opportunities to learn more about us, and by explaining how they can become more involved in the church.

We promise to support each other through life's ups and downs by creating an environment in which people feel safe to share, and by responding to the needs of the members of our congregation.

We promise to encourage one another in our efforts to promote social justice and responsible stewardship in the larger community and the world.

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