

# 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 January: Liberating Love**



**January 7, 2024**

**Minister:** Reverend William Levwood

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**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30a-1:30p

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**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES**

**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11am - 3pm

## LIBERATING LOVE GETS CLOSE

*Question(s) to Ponder: “Are there ways you push suffering away?  
What does it look like to get close to suffering?”*

**RINGING BOWL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOMING WORDS**

*Sheilah Dols*

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**CENTERING SONG**

*#1008, When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

*Last Stop on Market Street  
by Matt de la Pena, illustrated by Christian Robinson*

**CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL**

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

*Go in love, our hearts go with you.*

*Go in joy, our hopes go too.*

*Learn in love and grow in wisdom.*

*Shine your light in all you do.*

**JOYS & SORROWS**

*This is a time to share joys and sorrows dear to our hearts, **no announcements** please.*

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

*I Choose Love  
by Mark Miller*

**PRAYER**

**MEDITATION IN SONG**

*#1031, Filled With Loving Kindness*

**INTRODUCTION OF OUTREACH SPEAKER**

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*Christopher Fay,  
Executive Director of Homestretch*

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

*Dale Howell*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Beautiful City  
by Stephen Schwartz*

**READING**

**SERMON**

*Liberating Love Gets Close  
Reverend William Levwood*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*#318, We Would Be One*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DONATE**

**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 which makes us one and binds us forever together in spite of time and death and the space between the stars. We pause now in silent witness to that unity.*

*David Bumbaugh*

**BENEDICTION**

**COFFEE HOUR**

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\* Latecomers are still welcome.

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

**Outreach Collection Sponsor:     John Peterson**

Special thanks to:

Service Webinar Management:     Ana Meredith

Worship Associate:                     Sheilah Dols

Board Host:                                 Dale Howell

**Guest Speaker:                             Christopher Fay, Executive Director of Homestretch**

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.

### Unitarian Universalist Principles

WE, THE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

1. *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
2. *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
3. *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
4. *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
5. *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
6. *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;*
7. *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*
8. *Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions*

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