

# 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: Presence**



**December 29, 2024**

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

**Minister:** Reverend William Levwood

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**Minister's Office Hours:** Wednesday & Thursday 10a-4p

**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

**IN EVERY MOMENT THERE IS A HIDDEN SPARK  
A FESTIVAL OF FIRE & LIGHT**

***Question(s) to Ponder:*** “Who or what keeps your soul candle burning?”

**RINGING BOWL**

**WELCOMING WORDS**

*Nancy Melito*

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**OPENING WORDS**

*Introducing Festival of Fire & Light*

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

*#118, This Little Light of Mine*

**STORY I**

*One Small Spark  
by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov*

**CENTERING SONG**

*#184, Be Lamps Unto Yourselves*

**JOYS & SORROWS**

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

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

*#117, O Light of Life  
words by Emmon Bach, music by Janet McLoud McGaughey*

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**MEDITATION IN SONG**

*#184, Be Lamps Unto Yourselves*

**SERMON**

*In Every Moment There Is a Hidden Spark  
Reverend William Levwood*

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**INTRODUCING FESTIVAL OF FIRE & LIGHT**

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*The Human Touch Can Light the Flame  
words by John Andrew Storey, music by Lee Hastings Bristol*

**PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG**

*#221, Light One Candle*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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**

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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:      Quang Tran

Worship Associate:      Nancy Melito

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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