

# 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: Joy**



**April 27, 2025**

**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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**Director of Children & Youth Spiritual Development:** Michele Andersen

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**Congregational Administrator:** RW Carney III

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**Contact Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11a - 3p

## CLIMATE OPTIMISM: LITTLE POCKETS OF JOY

***Question(s) to Ponder:*** “What is something you do to help our planet that also brings you joy?”

**RINGING BOWL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOMING WORDS**

***Sheilah Dols***

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**CENTERING SONG**

***#1067, Mother Earth, Beloved Garden***

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

***Swimmy***  
***by Leo Lionni***

**JOYS & SORROWS**

**CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL**

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

***The Nursery is available for infants to preschool aged children.***

***This week the Elementary Class (Kindergarten - 5th Grade) will be exploring joy in nature.***

***This week the Youth Group (Grades 6 - 12) will finish their group chalice and choose the organizations they want to support for an Outreach Collection.***

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

***It’s On Me***  
***by Zak Sandler***

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**COMMUNAL ART**

**& CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL**

***#1067, Mother Earth, Beloved Garden***

**READING**

***Ode to Dirt***  
***by Sharon Olds***

**SERMON**

***Climate Optimism: Little Pockets of Joy***  
***Brenna Kelley***

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

***Ed Kringer***

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

***What a Wonderful World***  
***by Bob Thiele & George David Weiss***

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

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- \* Latecomers are still welcome.
  - ~ We welcome people of all ages into our worship service.

**Outreach Collection Sponsor:**      **Marsha White**

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| Special thanks to:          |                      |
| Service Webinar Management: | Joe Tuggle           |
| Worship Associate:          | Sheilah Dols         |
| Board Host:                 | Ed Kringer           |
| <b>Guest Musician:</b>      | <b>Zak Sandler</b>   |
| <b>Guest Speaker:</b>       | <b>Brenna Kelley</b> |

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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