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 August: Foundations of Unitarian Universalism

August 24, 2025
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SERVICES at 10a

Minister: Reverend William Levwood
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Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday 10a-2p & Wednesday 10a-5p
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Contact Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11a - 3p

FROM PAPERS TO FLAMES: THE STORY OF OUR CHALICE

Question(s) to Ponder: *"When do you light candles, lamps, string lights, or fires?"*

RINGING BOWL

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS ***Wren Kahle***

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

CENTERING WORDS

CHALICE LIGHTING

CENTERING SONG *#118, This Little Light of Mine (w/ alt. lyrics)*

TIME FOR ALL AGES ***Martha & Waitstill Sharp***
by Michelle Bates Deakin

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

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

SUMMER CYSD: New Rooms & Curriculum!

The Nesting Niche (room #112) *is available for infants & up for those who need FREE PLAY.*

The Creation Station (room #121) *is available for ages 5 & up to make CHALICES out of recycled materials!*

The Social Salon (room #124) *is available for ages 10 & up to make some DISCUSS THE YOUTH SURVEY.*

JOYS & SORROWS

PASTORAL ANTHEM *There Is More Love Somewhere*
(Traditional African American)

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

MEDITATION IN SONG *#362, Rise Up, O Flame*
(adapted)

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY ***Jessica Larsen***

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

READING

SERMON ***From Papers to Flames: The Story of Our Chalice***
Emily Parker

CLOSING SONG *#155, Circle 'Round for Freedom*

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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:	**Suzy Porth, Chris Stunkard & Pat Bangs**
Special thanks to:	
Service Webinar Management:	Dylen Stewart
Worship Associate:	Wren Kahle
Board/Committee Host:	Jessica Larsen
Guest Speaker:	**Emily Parker**

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. 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.

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, 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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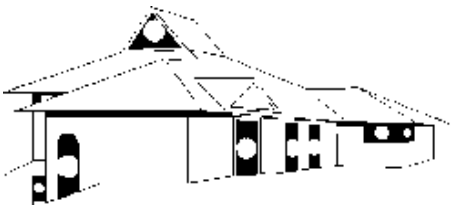
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