

# 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 October: Cultivating Compassion



**October 5, 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

**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

**THE COMPASSIONATE ANIMAL  
A MULTIGENERATIONAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

***For Reflection:*** “*Can animals be compassionate? If so, how do they show it?*”

**RINGING BOWL & WELCOME**

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

***Alicia McMahon***

**GATHERING SONG**

**OPENING WORDS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**CENTERING SONG**

*All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

**STORY, PART I**

*Madeline Finn & the Blessing of the Animals  
by Lisa Papp*

**INTRODUCING ANIMAL BLESSING**

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

*Circle of Life  
music by Elton John & Hans Zimmer*

**BLESSING IN SONG**

*#1031, Filled with Loving Kindness*

**STORY, PART II**

*Madeline Finn & the Blessing of the Animals  
by Lisa Papp*

**CRAFTIVITY**

*Writing Your Own Animal Blessings*

**JOYS & SORROWS**

**PASTORAL ANTHEM**

*Circle of Life  
music by Elton John & Hans Zimmer*

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**MEDITATION IN SONG**

*#1009, Meditation on Breathing*

**READING**

*Choose to Bless the World  
by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker*

**PAIR SHARE**

**REFLECTION**

***The Compassionate Animal  
Reverend William Levwood***

**COMMUNAL RITUAL**

*A Tree of Blessings*

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

***Kate McDevitt***

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## CLOSING SONG

#203, *All Creatures of the Earth & Sky* (adapted)

## 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

**DONATE**

\* Latecomers are still welcome.

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

**Outreach Collection Sponsor:**      **John Peterson**

Special thanks to:

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**Guest Musician:**

**Song Leaders:**

**DSD for the Day:**

Jenn Carlson

Alicia McMahon

Kate McDevitt

**Howard Breitbart**

**John Hall & Jackie Haven**

**Julie Schuck**



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*

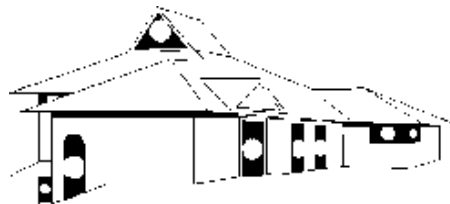
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