

Order of Service for August 20, 2017

11:00 AM

"To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, please refrain from applause during the service."

Welcome and Announcements: Bruce Bryant

Opening Words: Ron Cox

Prelude: Joshua Long

Chalice Lighting: In the light of truth and the warmth of love Ron
 We gather to seek, to sustain, to share.

Covenant: Love is the spirit of this church.
 The quest for truth is its sacrament.
 To dwell together in peace,
 To seek the truth in freedom and to help our neighbor,
 To these ends, we covenant one with another.

Hymn #158: *Praise the Source of Praise and Learning* Joshua

Message for All Ages: For the Love of Stars Cory Ness

Singing the Children Out, Hymn #413: *Go Now in Peace*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns: Ron

Moment of Silence

Spirit of Life #123 and Unspoken Joys and Concerns:

Reading: *Beginning my Studies* by Walt Whitman

Offertory: Joshua

Sermon: And the Learning Continues Joshua

Hymn #95: *There Is More Love Somewhere* Joshua

Extinguishing the Chalice: Ron Cox
 We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
 The warmth of our community, or the fire of commitment.
 These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.

Benediction: Joshua

{Please silence your cell phone, and enter and exit the sanctuary quietly using the side doors.}

Please thank those who made this service possible.

Service	Aug. 20	Aug. 27
Greeters	Amy Fielder & Nick Crettier	Tracey Ramsey & Michael Ramsey
Worship Associate	Ron Cox	--
Ushers	Bill McShea & Jack Jackson	Nancy Ticknor & Alice Irvan
DRE Assistant	--	--
Flowers	--	Taeko Floyd
Welcome	Bruce Bryant	Gloria Kelm
Message for All Ages	Cory Ness	Cory Ness
Coffee	Keelers	Brenda Hayes & Willy Hayes
Audio	Ron Cox	Ron Cox
OOS folded by:	Jack Hurt	Jack Hurt
ROMEO Refuse Removers	Wayne Keeler & John Latham	Bruce Bryant, Ed Jaffee & Owen Lowe

Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. People using these can only hear those using microphones.

Children's RE classes begin when we sing the children out of service.

Information on our programming for all ages is available in the Narthex at the Religious Education table.

Please note: Please refrain from bringing peanuts into the RE Wing and Library due to children with allergies.

Our Principles

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations affirms and promotes:

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.

Our Mission

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley, Inc. is to build a community based on and committed to self-development, compassion, open communication, and action.

Our Community is defined by how we interact with each other, both within the Congregation and with the larger society.

Self-development is enabled by meeting the spiritual, intellectual, and social awareness needs of the congregation.

We practice compassion by placing ourselves in the position of both other members of the congregation and of the larger society.

We practice open communication by speaking openly and with respect, civility, and compassion.

Action means we play active roles both within the congregation and wider community in fulfilling our self-development and compassion values.

Our Promises

With this UUCSV covenant as our source and with goodwill and honest effort, we promise to:

- Welcome all who come to us, keeping in mind the differences among us and remembering that building community requires learning and practice;
- Listen carefully and choose our actions mindfully;
- Act with loving kindness, compassion and patience, reflecting carefully on the effects of our words;
- Speak out when we witness disrespectful interactions;
- Respect one another by speaking directly to those with whom we disagree, asking for help when needed;
- Ask ourselves if we are promoting our Unitarian Universalist principles.

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Pianist: Elaine Wright Choir Director: Pam Keim Director of Religious Education: Cory Ness

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Unitarian Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley

A Welcoming Congregation

"And the Learning Continues"

August 20, 2017

By Joshua Long



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Welcome to all who gather here today! We especially welcome our visitors. You may receive our weekly announcements and monthly newsletter by e-mail by completing the yellow Welcome Card on the visitor's table.

