

Order of Service for September 10, 2017

11:00 AM

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

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Russ Savage

Prelude: Elaine Wright

Opening Words: Rev. Russ Savage & Cory Ness, DRE

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

Covenant: Love is the spirit of this church. Rev. Russ Savage
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.

A Prayer for Hurricane Victims Rev. Russ Savage

Hymn #360: *Here We Have Gathered* Elaine Wright

Message: The Longing for Home Rev. Russ Savage

Anthem: *Wade in the Water*, arr. Hogan Chalice Singers

Message for All Ages: The Shattering of the Vessels by Amy Petrie Shaw Cory Ness

Sharing of Joys and Concerns: Rev. Russ Savage

Spirit of Life #123 and Unspoken Joys and Concerns: Elaine Wright

Moment of Silence

Share the Plate: UUA/UUSC Recovery and Relief Fund Gloria Kelm

Offertory: Elaine Wright

Message: The Wonder of Water by Claudia Martin Rev. Russ Savage & Cory Ness

Anthem: *We Are One*, Gilpin Chalice Singers

Message: Marginal Wisdom Rev. Russ Savage

Water Ingathering Ritual:

Quiet music will play during the water ingathering. You may add your water to the bowl in silence or saying just one or two words about what it means to you. If you forgot to bring your water, cups of water are available in the back of the sanctuary which you may use to represent your summer or something important to you.

Hymn #210: *Wade in the Water* Elaine Wright

Hymn #1018: *Come and Go with Me* Elaine Wright

Extinguishing the Chalice: Cory Ness
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: Rev. Russ Savage
{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	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
Greeters	Atsuko Asada & Mark Lore	Barbara Peters & Jim Peters
Worship Associate	--	Alice Irvan
Ushers	Don Crawford & Robert Hurt	Bruce White & Willy Hayes
DRE Assistant	--	Barbara Peters
Flowers	Joyce Badanes	Ann Lesman
Welcome	Rev. Russ Savage	Dottie Cox
Message for All Ages	Cory Ness	Cory Ness
Coffee	Joyce Badanes & Charlotte Detwiler	Keelers & Lathams
Audio	Bruce Bryant	Ron Cox
Music Associate	Kathleen Youngblood	Kathleen Youngblood
OOS folded by:	Jack Hurt	Jack Hurt
ROMEO Refuse Removers	Jim Peters, John Kummer, & Charlie Thorne	Wayne Keeler, Bruce White & John Latham

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

"Coming Home Again"

September 10, 2017

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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.

