



ZOOM Only Version of Order of Service

February 1, 2026

10:00 AM

Call to Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting: (Unison) “Intention and Creativity”
by Deanna Vandiver

As we light a chalice, a container of air, earth, and fire, this ritual of our faith reminds our subtle-and-crashing-about beings that we are part of a collective— a community of care and connection, courage and questions, scared and sacred together.

Today we gather with intention and creativity, releasing what we must, shaping what we will, in a space made possible by generations of community care and the courage of connection.

Hymn: #346 (grey hymnal) “Come Sing a Song with Me”

Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me,
Come, sing a song with me that I might know your mind.

Chorus: *And I’ll bring you hope when hope is hard to find, And I’ll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.*

Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me
Come, dream a dream with me that I might know your mind.

Chorus

Come, walk in rain with me, come walk in rain with me
Come, walk in rain with me that I might know your mind. **Chorus**

Come, share a rose with me, come share a rose with me,
Come, share a rose with me that I might know your mind. **Chorus**

Opening Words

Acknowledgements of the Heart

Responsive Reading: “Radical Love: A Conversation with Mother Earth” by Heather Mizeur

(Congregation) Mother Earth, How would the world be different if we radically loved you?

Ask instead, my child, “How would the world be different if you knew my radical love for you?”

(Congregation) Say that again?

*Our relationship is alive and dynamic, but you have forgotten.
For just one day, allow your hearts to fill with the immense reservoir of love I have for all of humanity.
Remember the wisdom I blew into your heart at your very first breath. It’s your separation from my unconditional love that causes you to act in unskillful ways against me.*

(Congregation) But how can you love us? We have caused you so much harm.

*This is what radical love is, and I am your primary teacher.
I love you so much that I co-created you.
There is nothing you can do to be unworthy of my love.
I see the goodness of your hearts, and I know that you’re afraid.
And in your fear, you make unwise choices.
Let me lead you back to love.*

(Congregation) How will you do that?

*I remind you each and every day how precious you are to me—if you have the courage to awaken.
When your lungs breathe in the oxygen of the trees,
I am inside you, sharing my essence. Preserve it.
When you swallow refreshing water,
it is my life force that animates and sustains you. Protect it.
When you eat delicious foods,
it is the gift of my abundance dancing within you. Share it.
You have forgotten that these are gifts for you.
Don’t defend these on my behalf alone.
Love yourself enough not to destroy your own home.
We are in communion together.
This is unity consciousness.*

**(Congregation) Gentle Mother, thank you.
Thank you for your patience with our mistakes;
for your faith in humanity;
for your profound guiding wisdom, beauty, and majesty.**

**Grant that we might see ourselves with the same loving grace
that you wash upon us with each beat of our hearts.
And together, may we step into the profound possibilities
that unfold when radical love is given and received.**

Responsive Singing: “Forget Your Perfect Offering” as sung
by Thrive Choir, based on lyrics of “Anthem” by Leonard Cohen

Sermon: “Embracing Uncertainty in Creativity,”
Rev. Kathryn Adams, minister

Hymn: #301 (grey hymnal) “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky”

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Walk on shores while spirits fly
over the ocean, over the land,
our faith is a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Children ask the reasons why.
In our lives the answers show,
and by our love they learn and grow.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
All are born and all shall die;
life’s the time to left in between,
to follow a star, to build a dream.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Hug the laughter, feel the cry.
May we see where we can give,
for this is what it means to live.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Soar with courage ever high;
spirits joining as we fly,
to touch the earth, to reach the sky.

Discussion

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice: (Unison)

“We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth
of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our
hearts until we meet again.”

Sung Benediction: # 1057 (teal hymnal) – “Go Lifted Up”

“Go lifted up, Love bless your way, moonlight, starlight guide your
journey into peace and the brightness of day.”

Postlude

Today’s Participants and Volunteers:

Minister: Rev. Kathryn Adams

Service Leader: Joan Caivano

Tech Team: David Biehler, Dave Hart, Michael Morris, John Ramsey,
Deb Reid

Upcoming Sunday Services:

FEB 08 | “Black Universalist History on the Chesapeake”
Rev. Paul Boothby, guest speaker

FEB 15 | “Healing Individually and in Community,”
Rev. Kathryn Adams, minister

Announcements:

FEB 05 | 1st Thursday Conversations

FEB 07 | Multigenerational Game Night

FEB 08 | Pledge Drive Kick-off and Luncheon

FEB 20 | Potluck — host(s) needed

MAR 07 | UUCR Auction & Reception — donations needed of
treasures & services (errands, meals, excursions, adventures, etc.).
Contact Jane Hardy, Joy Kim, or Mary Pritchard

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weekly newsletter *Reflections* which is published each Thursday and sent
via email. If you’d like to subscribe, please contact the UUCR office and
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