“Work, Bless, Rest”
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County
Rev Denis Paul and Lee Cowan
December 14, 2025

Blurb

At the end of Chalice Days, this week of hopeful rest and reflection, we’ll take some time to bless one another — especially our hands — and the work we do in the world, whatever that work looks like.

Order of Service

Sounding the Chime Rev Denis

Opening Hymn “Jay The Piglet” Song, All Ages Choir and Ami Pienknagura
Sometimes I feel like I’m walking alone
Going down pathways that I’ve never known
But keep my eyes open and take it real slow
There’s friends everywhere and the earth is my home

Welcome Rev Denis

Chalice Lighting Lee Cowan, Director of Faith Exploration
”This Is Me,” Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Opening Words Lee, Rev Denis and all the children
“The Ants and the Grasshopper,” an adapted Aesop Fable

Blessing of Hands

Singing to the Children with Love
Go with wisdom, go with wonder.
Go to meet a brand new day.
Learn to see the light within you
as we send you on your way.

Reciting the Covenant Together
Love is the spirit of this congregation,
And service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

Joys and Concerns

Hymn #*112 Do You Hear?*

Offering

Offertory Nick Smith

Gratitude Karen Ellsworth

Homily “Work, Bless, Rest,” Rev. Denis Paul

Hymn #*121 We’ll Build A Land*

Closing Words

Announcements

Extinguishing the Chalice
We extinguish this chalice, but not its light that we take with us, out into the world, sharing it with those we encounter on our journey.

Closing Song
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (3x)