

Sunday, August 23, 2026 · Summer Worship

“Meeting in the Center”

Rev. Danielle Lindstrom, minister | Nicky Klemens, worship associate

Kathy Williams, hymn leader | Diane Guernsey, pianist

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

Diane Guernsey, piano

“Prelude (fr. Music for Cazenovia)” by Gwyneth Walker

“When the Spirit Says Do” (traditional spiritual, arr. C. Scott Hagler)

“Called to Serve” by Jason Tonioli

GATHERING HYMN

#108, My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Kathy Williams

WELCOME

Rev. Danielle Lindstrom

CHALICE LIGHTING

by Cynthia Landrum

Nicky Klemens

We light this chalice, the beacon that calls us,

To love

To justice

To a deepening of the spirit.

HYMN

#298, Wake, Now, My Senses

Kathy

OFFERING

Nicky

OFFERTORY

“Standing Strong”

by Gwyneth Walker

Diane

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

Rev. Danielle

SPOKEN PRAYER

JOYS, SORROWS, AND MILESTONES

MOMENT OF QUIET

MUSICAL MEDITATION

#123, Spirit of Life

READING

A Blessing Called Sanctuary

by Jan Richardson

Nicky

SERMON

“Meeting in the Center”

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HYMN

#1028, Fire of Commitment

Kathy

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

by Craig Rowland

Nicky

**As we extinguish this chalice flame,
may the warmth of its light remain within us, guiding our steps and our hearts.
Let us carry forward the strength of this community,
the courage to speak truth, and the hope that transformation is possible.
In each breath we take, may we remember that the work of love, justice,
and healing is ours to continue—both here and beyond these walls.
Go in peace, with the light of this gathering to illuminate your way.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Danielle

CLOSING MUSIC

“Allemande (French Suite no. 5)” by J.S. Bach

Diane

*Thank you for being with us!
When you leave today, please return your name tag to the carousel in the lobby.*

Upcoming Worship Services

Sat Aug 29 - 10am, “Broken Wholeness,” Rev. Kimberley Debus (**SAT**, Parsonage Deck or Patio)
Sun Aug 30 - 10am, “Un-Becoming,” Rev. Kimberley Debus (Fellowship Hall)
Thu Sep 3 - 7:30pm, “Born To A New Story,” Rev. Kimberley Debus (**THU**, Fellowship Hall)
Sun Sep 6 - 10am, “Yes and Yes Again,” Rev. Kimberley Debus (Fellowship Hall)

CUUC Calendar

Mon Aug 24 - 10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen) | Tue Aug 25 - 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen)
Wed Aug 26 - 6:30pm Social Justice Coordinators (Zoom-7899); 6:30pm Worship Assoc (Zoom-3131); 7pm Courtesy Rental: ACOA (Room 11); 7:30pm SPARC Meeting (Zoom 3131)
Thu Aug 27 - All day Rental: Lower Parking Lot (Vehicles Only); 11:30am Science & Spirituality (Fireside Area & Zoom-7899); 5pm K. Debus Worship Team (Fellowship Hall); *Tracy Out all day*
Fri Aug 28 - All day Rental: Lower Parking Lot (Vehicles Only); *Tracy Out all day*
Sat Aug 29 - All day Rental: Lower Parking Lot (Vehicles Only); 10:00am Worship Service (Parsonage Deck or Patio); 10am Rental: Pamsula Zen of Westchester (Room 43 & Zoom); *Tracy Out all day*
Sun Aug 30 - All day Rental: Lower Parking Lot (Vehicles Only); 9:45am Childcare (Room 32); 10am Summer Worship (Fellowship Hall & Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Worship); 11:45am Rev. Kimberley Worship Team Meeting (Room 11); *Tracy Out all day*



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#108, My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

#298, Wake, Now, My Senses

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

#123, Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

#1028, Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

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When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.