

Open Hands, Closed Hands

LaDonna Pacer, Worship Leader

Candice Carver, Worship Associate

Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Minister

Christiana Fernandez-McQuain, Coordinator of Family Ministries

Carol Underwood, Violin

Ian Van Sice, Guitar & Clarinet

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Prelude	<i>(Ours is a) Simple Faith</i>	David Tamulevich
Singing #346	<i>Come Sing A Song With Me</i>	Carolyn McDade
Centering Meditation	<i>From Heart to Hands, From Hands to Heart</i>	Daniel Bailey
Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting	<i>Our Hands</i>	Lydia Patrick
Wonder Box Wisdom	<i>Lily's Gift</i>	
Reflection	<i>Hands On, Hands Off</i>	Bill Pacer
Singing #123	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	Carolyn McDade
Reflection	<i>Holding Onto Home</i>	Candice Carver
Anthem	<i>Welcome to the Circle</i> <i>Performed by Lydia Patrick & Ian Van Sice</i>	Betsy Rose
Homily	<i>The Last Leaf Activity</i>	LaDonna Pacer
Pastoral Prayer	<i>Serenity Prayer Adapted</i>	Reinhold Niebuhr
Music for Reflection	<i>Infinitely Whole (Instrumental)</i>	Alex Fam, Bran Lennox
Singing	<i>Infinitely Whole</i>	Alex Fam, Bran Lennox
Sharing Our Gifts	Offering shared with <i>Worthy Now Prison Ministry</i>	
Offertory	<i>Hand in My Pocket / Hands Clean</i>	Alanis Morrisette & Glen Ballard
Gratitudes		
Call to Connection		
Singing #131	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	Sally Rogers
Closing Words	<i>This Is Our Calling</i>	
Extinguishing Our Chalice		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

+Our plate is shared 50/50 with the quarterly plate recipient and UUCG.
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annual pledge contribution or today's plate recipient



UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

Events This Week

* in-person, + online, ~ off-site

- * **Today at 12:30pm:** *"Good Trouble"*
- * **Today at 12:30pm:** *Green Space Nature Activity*
- * Tue, Aug 25 at 7:00pm: *Choir Rehearsal*
- + Wed, Aug 26 at 7:00pm: *Book Group*
- * Thu, Aug 27 at 6:30pm: *Sweet MUUsic Rehearsal*
- * Fri, Aug 28 at 7:00pm: *Green Team Movie Night*

Faith Formation Hour

"Good Trouble"

Borrowing our title from the words of the late Congressman John Lewis, the "Good Trouble" program focuses on ways you can put your UU Values and Faith in Action to effect change in society. Join us to discuss the ways and areas in which we have agency to make a difference.

Registered Event Today: Creating Protest Umbrellas



UU Values

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building six values with Love at the center.

Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

Pluralism: We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.

Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



References from Today's Service

Here: A Spirituality of Staying in A Culture of Leaving

by Rev. Lydia Sohn

<https://www.revlydia.com/book>

From the author - "*Here* pushes back against our age of constant reinvention and the cultural message that we should do whatever it takes to get where we want to go. Instead, its message is the opposite: stay. Stay right here and cultivate the immense potential and beauty that lies within your current circumstances.

Braiding personal narrative and spiritual reflection, *Here* inspires readers to both embrace and transform their circumstances through commitment and stability—in order that they might find true contentment right where they are."

The Last Leaf

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2z4ahy>

Adapted from the world-famous short story *The Last Leaf*, written by O. Henry. It tells a story about friendship and love. How an artist's masterpiece becomes life-saving art for another.