UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
of the CHESTER RIVER

Sunday Services 10:00 AM
In-Person and Zoom

Welcome!

Our Foundation: *The Unitarian Universalists of the Chester River congregation was established in 1992 as a value-centered community grounded in compassion, respect and love.*

Our Mission: *The mission of UUCR is to inspire, inform, and support all who seek spiritual and personal growth, and a more equal and just community.*

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November 8, 2026 10:00 AM

Call to Service

Prelude: "Here Comes the Sun"

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Chalice Lighting: (congregation - indented, in italics) by Lois E. Van Leer

"We light this chalice –
not because we must but because we may.
We light this chalice –
not because we have the truth but because we each come bearing and seeking many truths.
We light this chalice –
in connection across culture, distance, class, and language.
We light this chalice –
that our religion may be a beacon of light, hope, and justice.
We light this chalice -
to kindle our hearts and our minds."

Hymn: (projected,from Sing Out Love) – "Tide is Rising"

Opening Words

Time for Centering Meditation: excerpt from Anne Frank's diary

"I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens,
I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end,
And that peace and tranquility will return again.
In the meantime, I must uphold my ideals,
for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out."

Acknowledgements of the Heart

Offertory: Mozart's Sonata in A Major

Responsive Reading: (congregation - indented**,** in italics) by Mark Ward

"As chill winds blast the last autumn leaves from the trees,
we gather with new purpose.
In each other's company, we find warmth against the approach of winter's cold.
We look to the bounty of harvest to sustain us while the earth sleeps,
and we attend again to the wider circles of relationship,
reminded of the connections on which we depend.
In each face, some softening with age, some blooming into maturity,

we see the human story revealed, the journey we each walk from mystery to mystery.
There is cause for gratitude: for the love we share,
even if imperfect and not always fully realized.
Every day of our journeys, we are given new opportunities to accept and to give love.

Musical Interlude

Sermon: "The Work of Hope in a World of Chaos," Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Hymn: (projected, from Sing Out Love), "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Discussion

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice: (Unison) by Matt Meyer
"May we go forward in purposeful rhythm,
that we may give voice to the melody of our imaginations,
the music of our souls,
and all the possibilities of a just world as we might together create it.
Go in Peace."

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: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"

<u>Today's Participants and Volunteers</u>:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Service Leader: Joan Caivano

Production: Eileen Kessler

Musician: Michael Casey

Greeter: Eileen Kessler

Coffee Host: Joy Kim

Tech Team: David Biehler, Dave Hart, Paula Hubbard, & John Ramsey

<u>Upcoming Sunday Services:</u>

NOV 15 | "Introduction to Judaism," Rabbi Peter Hyman, Guest Speaker

NOV 22 | "The Particular and the Universal," Rev. Kathryn Adams, Minister

NOV 29 | "Nurturing the Spirit of Love," Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, Guest Speaker

DEC 06 | "The Transient and the Permanent," Rev. Kathryn Adams, Minister

Upcoming UUCR Events:

NOV 20 | Potluck — HOST NEEDED

NOV 27 | Bob Fox's Celebration of Life, 3-4 PM

DEC 11 | Annual UUCR Soup Sampler Supper Fundraiser, 5:30 PM (Tickets are $25 per person and can be purchased after Sunday services.)

Announcements:

Coffee Hosts and Greeters are needed. Please sign up on the whiteboard. **THANKS!**

November Potluck Host needed. Please sign up on the whiteboard. **THANKS!**

More details on upcoming services and events are available in our weekly newsletter Reflections which is published each Thursday and sent via email. If you'd like to subscribe, please contact the UUCR office and ask to be added to the contact list.

Unitarian Universalists Shared Values



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Equity: Help everyone flourish with dignity, love, and compassion. Build accessible and Inclusive communities

Interdependence: Honor the Web of Life with sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality, and justice. Protect the earth and All beings

Justice: Be Beloved Community, Dismantle racism and all oppressions, support the use of the democratic process

Generosity: Cultivate gratitude and hope. Share our faith, presence, and resources

Pluralism: Celebrate diversity, Learn from each other, embrace our differences with Love, Curiosity, and Respect

Transformation: Adapt to a changing World with Love and openness, Grow Together Spiritually and Ethically

Love: The power that holds us together and runs through all of our other values, the center of Unitarian Universalism.