

Upcoming Worship Focus - September 20, 2026

Weaving the Interdependent Web in Times of Disconnection

Sara Blackthorne

Life is full of beginnings and endings. From the cycle of the Sun to the rotation of crops, we see examples every day of the ways we are connected – and interconnected – throughout the transitions we experience. But how do we remember this interconnection through the endings, through the times we feel alone, through the devastation in the world? Let us sit together and create community, mutual care, and understanding as we continue to strengthen the interdependent web between each of us and the world which we inhabit.

Contact the Worship Team at
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Our Minister and Staff

Community Minister Emerita: Rev. Sue Ayer

Music Director: Raymond Elliott

Accompanist: Alex Frazier

Religious Exploration Coordinator: Christine Hinderer



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In-Person Service

On-line Service: <https://uuccwc.org/zoom-worship/>



UUCCWC Vision Statement

**A welcoming, liberal religious community
where we care for and encourage each other to**

Free the Mind

Grow the Spirit

Reach out to the World

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 10:00 am

Prelude Alex Frazier

Gathering

Singing Bowl #446 *Calling in the Four Directions*
Kaylee Hutchinson, Tracy Waters, Kathleen LaFlamme, Lyssa Martin

Introit *At the Table*, by Richard Smallwood¹
UUCCWC Choir

Congregational Life and Welcoming Verse
excerpt from *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Tracy Waters

Opening Hymn #1000 *Morning Has Come*

Nurturing Our Community

Chalice Lighting words by Gregory Pelley
Bradd and Lisa Claybaugh

Time for All Ages *All the Water in the World*, by George Ella Lyon
Christine Hinderer

Joys and Concerns Tracy Waters

Meditation Hymn #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.*

Offering Words Tracy Waters

Exploring

Choir Anthem *Crowded Table*²
words and music by Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna and Brandi Carlile
arr. by Andrea Ramsey
UUCCWC Choir

Reflective Reading *Blessing of the Water*, by Ranwa Hammamy
Blue Waters

Waters of the World Ceremony
UUCCWC Congregation, Tracy Waters and Lyssa Martin

Returning

Closing Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*³

Closing Words *Dew*, by Robert Morgan
Lyssa Martin

Chalice Extinguishing words by Elizabeth Lerner MacClay
Bradd and Lisa Claybaugh

Singing Bowl Closing Tracy Waters

Invitation to Fellowship Tracy Waters

Postlude Alex Frazier

Thank you to today's additional helpers

Zoom Host: Bernal Cruz
Producer: Pamela Midyett
Sound Tech: Josh Steinhurst
Board Member on Duty: Terri Schmiesing
Usher/Greeters: Emme DePlois and Matt DePlois
Coffee Hour Volunteer: Alison Hills and Max Olfert

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Blessing of the Water

by Ranwa Hammamy

This water is sacred. It is made sacred by the many hands that have poured it with intention and love, the many stories that each drop contains, the many lives surrounding it in this unique moment, connected by commitment and faith.

This water is sacred. May it continue to flow through this community, with shining reflections of the unique gifts that flow through each of its members.

Response: *This water is sacred.*

May it continue to nurture this community, With sustaining hope that we journey together through ripples of growth and change.

This water is sacred.

May it continue to bless this community with loving reminders of our collective responsibility to one another and the world.

This water is sacred.

May its ripples be a reminder that the changes and growth within this community bring movement and transformation to the world beyond our doors.

This water is sacred.

May its purity offer grace to our community, and the willingness to forgive ourselves and one another when we make mistakes.

This water is sacred.

In moments when we are confused or uncertain, may it bring us clarity of purpose and commitment.

This water is sacred.

In moments when the reservoirs of hearts and spirits are drained by sorrow or pain, may it nourish them with the knowledge that we are surrounded by a deep and abundant love.

This water is sacred.