

7pcoming Worship Focus - September 27, 2026

The Journey Home  
Rev. Mark Gallagher

Finding our way to the place in our minds and hearts where we deeply  
and truly belong -- home.

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Community Minister Emerita: Rev. Sue Ayer

Music Director: Raymond Elliott

Accompanist: Alex Frazier

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**September 20, 2026**  
**In-Person Service**

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## 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 20, 2026 at 10:00 am**

**Prelude** Alex Frazier

**Gathering**

**Singing Bowl** Diane Larson

**Introit** *May I Be Light*, by Rev. Mykal Slack  
UCCWC Choir

**Congregational Life** Diane Larson

**Welcome Verse** words by Marilyn Falkowski  
Allison Raible and Chris Raible

**Opening Hymn** #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

**Opening Words** *Once the World Was Perfect*, by Joy Harjo  
Sara Blackthorne

**Nurturing Our Community**

**Chalice Lighting** words by Debra Faulk  
Allison Raible

**Time for All Ages** *Big Bad Wolf's Yom Kippur*, by David Sherrin  
Christine Hinderer

**Singing the Children Out** *As You Go*, by Kathleen Tracy  
*We hold you in our love as you go, as you go.*  
*May your heart be at peace as you go.*  
*To nurture the spark of your precious life,*  
*We hold you in our love as you go.*

**Joys and Concerns** Diane Larson

**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** Diane Larson

**Exploring**

**Reflective Reading** *To A Young Poet*, by Mahmoud Darwish  
Diane Larson

**Choir Anthem** *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*, by Dolly Parton<sup>1</sup>  
UCCWC Choir

**Sermon** Weaving the Interdependent Web in Times of Disconnection  
Sara Blackthorne

**Returning**

**Closing Hymn** *To Everything a Season* (see insert)<sup>2</sup>

**Benediction** *Song for Autumn*, by Mary Oliver  
Sara Blackthorne

**Chalice Extinguishing** *The Peace of Wild Things*, by Wendell Berry  
Chris Raible

**Invitation to Fellowship** Diane Larson

**Singing Bowl Closing** Diane Larson

**Postlude** Alex Frazier

**Thank you to today's additional helpers**

Zoom Host: John Sharp  
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***To Everything a Season***

based on Ecclesiastes 3

sung to the tune of *Turn! Turn! Turn!* by the Byrds<sup>2</sup>

*Refrain:*

To everything - turn, turn, turn  
There is a season - turn, turn, turn  
And a time to every purpose under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die  
A time to plant, a time to reap  
A time to kill, a time to heal  
A time to laugh, a time to weep

*Refrain*

A time to build up, a time to break down  
A time to dance, a time to mourn  
A time to throw away stones  
A time to gather stones together

*Refrain*

A time of love, a time of hate  
A time of war, a time of peace  
A time you may embrace  
A time to refrain from embracing

*Refrain*

A time to gain, a time to lose  
A time to rend, a time to sew  
A time for love, a time for hate  
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late!