

### Upcoming Worship Focus - October 4, 2026

#### **Cultivating Courage, Competence and Compassion in Times of Chaos** **Chaplain Jesse Ford**

Times of disruption can become sacred invitations to deepen spiritual practice, strengthen communal bonds, and serve the common good. When the world feels beyond our grasp, how might we cultivate the courage, wisdom, and compassion to transform fear and disorder into pathways of service and hope?

**Contact the Worship Team at**  
[worshipassociates@uuccwc.groups.io](mailto:worshipassociates@uuccwc.groups.io)

#### **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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please text "Give" to (503) 852-2944.

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An FM hearing assistance system is available for use during worship service. Each receiver has a volume control and little ear-bud headphones. The receivers also can couple to hearing aids that have tele-coil pick-ups. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the Worship Associate on duty or one of the Usher/Greeters.

## **Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County**

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**September 27, 2026**

**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 27, 2026 at 10:00 am**

**Prelude** Doug Hoskisson

### **Gathering**

**Singing Bowl** Kathleen LaFlamme

**Congregational Life and Welcome Verse** Kathleen LaFlamme

**Opening Hymn** #6 *Just As Long As I Have Breath*<sup>1</sup>

**Opening Words** Rev. Mark Gallagher

### **Nurturing Our Community**

**Chalice Lighting** words by Sara Eileen LaWall  
Kaylee Hutchinson

**Time for All Ages** *The Day You Begin*, by Jacqueline Woodson  
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** Kathleen LaFlamme

**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** Kathleen LaFlamme

### **Exploring**

**Reflective Reading** *A Blessing for the Journey*, by Sensei Wendy Egyoku Nakao  
Tracy Waters

**Special Music** *Home*, Drew Pearson and Greg Holden<sup>2</sup>  
Warren Lockwood, Bobby Elliott and Gwen Kent

**Sermon** The Journey Home  
Rev. Mark Gallagher

### **Returning**

**Closing Hymn** #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

**Benediction** Rev. Mark Gallagher

**Chalice Extinguishing** words by Eric Hepburn  
Kaylee Hutchinson

**Invitation to Fellowship** Kathleen LaFlamme

**Singing Bowl Closing** Kathleen LaFlamme

**Postlude** Doug Hoskisson

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

Zoom Host: Kurt Hinderer

Producer: Pamela Midyett

Sound Tech: Dee Cooper

Board Member on Duty: John Sharp

Usher/Greeters: Gayle Goodman and Dawn Glass

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Alison Hills, Max Olfert and Rebecca Glass

RE Volunteer: Sara Douglass-Cloe

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All month long the Religious Exploration program will explore how to have **courage**.

### 10/04 - Religious Exploration Lesson

We are exploring how to be **courageous** about hard truths.

*Children & Youth begin in the Sanctuary.*

### 10/11 - Blessing of the Animals

Share pictures of beloved pets with John Sharp by **September 27** so they are included in the slide show: [petphotos@uuccwc.org](mailto:petphotos@uuccwc.org)

*Children & Youth remain upstairs.*

### 10/18 - Maker's Space Sunday

Building community while crafting with peers.  
Practice **courage!** Craft something new!  
No formal lesson.

*Children & Youth begin in the Sanctuary.*

### 10/25 - Religious Exploration Lesson

We are exploring how to be **courageous** by facing our fears.

*Children & Youth begin in the Sanctuary.*