

[Upcoming Worship Focus - October 11, 2026](#)

Nature of the Beast, by Rev. Dr. Joel Tishken, winner of the UU Animal Ministry's 2021-2022 Albert Schweitzer Sermon Award

Given by Diane Larson

When we look at animals and Nature, we expect to see competition, and that is exactly what immediately comes to our notice. We have historically failed to appreciate cooperation sufficiently. How might we benefit from reexamining our assumptions and exploring more deeply?

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, October 4, 2026 at 10:00 am

Prelude Alex Frazier

Gathering

Singing Bowl Pamela Midyett

Introit *Lift Your Light*, by Mary McDonald¹
UUCCWC Choir

Congregational Life and Welcome Verse
As We Proclaim Worth, by Dan Lambert
Pamela Midyett

Opening Hymn #1017 *Building a New Way*

Congregational Reading of the UUCCWC Covenant of Right Relations

Nurturing Our Community

Chalice Lighting *I Breathe*, by Craig Rowland
Lauri Watkins

Time for All Ages *The Emperor's New Clothes*
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 Pamela Midyett

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 Pamela Midyett

Exploring

Reflective Reading words by Thurgood Marshall
Chaplain Jesse Ford

Special Music *One Love*, by Bob Marley²
UUCCWC Choir

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

Returning

Closing Hymn #1018 *Come and Go With Me*

Closing Words *Choose to Bless the World*, by Rebecca Ann Parker
Chaplain Jesse Ford

Chalice Extinguishing *Cheered by Our Community*, by Burton D. Carley
Lauri Watkins

Invitation to Fellowship Pamela Midyett

Singing Bowl Closing Pamela Midyett

Postlude Alex Frazier

Thank you to today's additional helpers

Zoom Host: John Sharp
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UCCWC Covenant

Holding this community dear and
inspired by our common principles,
the spirit in me welcomes
the spirit in you.

We celebrate our connections
and our diversity

We care for one another
and for ourselves

We listen to one another with
respect and open hearts,
intending to understand

We speak to one another
with kindness, intending
to be understood

We all share our gifts to build
and nurture this beloved
community, our spiritual home
We commit to being in covenant,
and are willing to come back into
covenant when needed.

