

Upcoming Worship Focus - October 18, 2026

Rev. Rod Richards

read by Kathy Ellis

Dis-courage-ment robs me of courage. How can I ever replenish courage—restore courage—if I am in this world where an encouraging word is seldom heard...

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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All Ages Service - Blessing of the Animals
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 11, 2026 at 10:00 am

Prelude Alex Frazier

Gathering

Singing Bowl Terri Schmiesing

Introit *A Place In the Choir*, by Bill Staines¹
UUCCWC Choir

Congregational Life Terri Schmiesing

Opening Hymn #203 *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky* (v. 1, 4, 5)

Opening Words Terri Schmiesing

Nurturing Our Community

Chalice Lighting words by Florence Caplow
John Hills

Time for All Ages *The Watcher: The Story of Jane Goodall*, by Jeanette Winter
Christine Hinderer

Joys and Concerns Terri Schmiesing

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 Terri Schmiesing

Exploring

Reflective Reading *When Your Best Friend Has Four or So Legs*
by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto
Diane Larson

Slide Show of Pet Photos John Sharp

Reflective Reading *Permission to Grieve*, by Rev. JeKaren Bell
Nancy Lewis

Choir Anthem *The Autumn Reel*, by Audrey Snyder²
UUCCWC Choir

Sermon *Nature of the Beast*, by Rev. Dr. Joel Tishken
Diane Larson

Returning

Closing Hymn #324 *Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads* (v. 2)³

Closing Words *St. Francis and the Wolf*, by Christine Valters Paintner
Diane Larson

Chalice Extinguishing John Hills

Invitation to Fellowship Terri Schmiesing

Singing Bowl Closing Terri Schmiesing

Postlude Alex Frazier

Thank you to today's additional helpers

Zoom Host: Mark Bischoff

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Coffee Hour Volunteers: Dawn Glass and Gayle Goodman

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