

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #1008 “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place”
(insert)

*Responsive Reading # 729 “Ingathering”

*Congregational Covenant (Unison)

*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.*

*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst

Blessing of the Backpacks Kathy Smith & Rev. Price

Pastoral Prayer/Communion of Names

+Silence and Musical Meditation

*Hymn of Reflection # 1007 “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul”
(insert)

Offering Words

**Offertory – “Welcome the Traveler Home” by John McCutcheon
Elena Westbrook

Story “How Full Is Your Bucket” by Tom Rath and
Mary Reckmeyer Kathy Smith

Reflection – “Backpacks, Buckets and Blessings” Rev. Patrick Price

Water Communion

*Closing Hymn # 1064 “Blue Boat Home” (insert)

*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment:
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Postlude

+ (After the silence, please feel free to come forward and light a candle).

**Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends. The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those attending today’s worship.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Patrick Price*

Worship Associate *Miles Dillon*

Worship Facilitator: *Zachary Hughes*

Board Member on duty:

RE Director: *Kathy Smith*

Ushers: *Steve, Gina and Max Mallory*

Flowers: *Provided by April Emmert in celebration of William Young’s 13th birthday.*

Musician: *Elena Westbrook*

Membership Representatives: *Gene and Vicki Verinder and Angel Dillon*

Coffee Hosts: *Families whose last name falls between Das and Farlow*

Next Sunday, August 28 – “The Good News of Unitarian
Universalism” – Guest Speaker – Zack Hughes