

“Listening is an everyday art and virtue, . . . Listening is more than being quiet while others have their say. It is about presence as much as receiving; it is about connection more than observing. Real listening is powered by curiosity. It involves ... a willingness to ... let go of assumptions and take in ambiguity. It is never in ‘gotcha’ mode.” Mindful listeners want to understand the humanity behind the words of the other and patiently summon their own best selves and their most generous words and questions.”

—Better Conversations: A Starter Guide On Being – Civil Conversations Project

Welcome Song “Whoever You Are” Hal Walker
Whoever you are, we welcome you.
Wherever you come from, we welcome you.
Whomever you love, we welcome you.

Welcome / Honoring Indigenous People Martha McGovern, worship leader

Prelude Two-part Invention in D-Major, No. 3, BWV 774 Johann Sebastian Bach
“Thesis” (right-hand part alone) **Randall Kidder**, pianist

Chalice Lighting #482 Jacob Trapp

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #360** “Here We Have Gathered,” verses 1–3
in *Singing the Living Tradition* words: Alicia Carpenter; music: Genevan psalter

Story for All Ages *Listening with Our Ears and Hearts*

Transition: “Peace, Salaam, Shalom” Pat Humphries of Emma’s Revolution
Peace, Salaam, Shalom (four times)

Collection of Offerings

Offertory Two-part Invention in D-Major, No. 3, BWV 774 Johann Sebastian Bach
“Antithesis” (left-hand part alone)

Sharing and Listening in Pairs

1. Position yourselves to be in pairs with space between pairs.
2. You will each have time to be speaker and listener.
3. Determine who will go first by month of birth.
4. A bell will signal start, switch, stop.
5. Listener: Hear, understand, accept.
6. Speaker: Share turning point in your life—Choices, forces, decision, outcomes

Prompt: Think of a turning point in your life. What choice or choices were you faced with? What forces (spiritual, moral, ethical, practical) were in play? What decision did you make? As you reflect, what were the outcomes, short and long term?

***Closing Hymn #318** “We Would Be One” words: Samuel Anthony Wright;
in *Singing the Living Tradition* music: Jean Sibelius

Closing Words

Postlude Two-part Invention in D-Major, No. 3, BWV 774 Johann Sebastian Bach
“Synthesis” (both parts working together)

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

Joys and Sorrows (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

Extinguishing the Chalice

Sunday, July 27, 2025

*** Welcome! We're glad you're here! ***

Thanks to **Lela Erb** for childcare; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our Design & Decoration team, **Martha McGovern** and **Stephanie "Squish" Rector**; today's collection counter, **Lori Flis**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Karen Binkley**, **Virginia Henthorn**, and **Mike Lang**; today's host, **Betsy Kalter**, and greeter, **Scott Lacey**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; and our worship leader, **Martha McGovern**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today's host, Betsy.

Announcements

Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Monday, July 28

- 7 p.m., **Finance Committee meeting**, Zoom

Tuesday, July 29

- 2:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in social hall.

Saturday, August 2

- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., **FUUSM Yard Sale**, social hall and courtyard.

Sunday, August 3

- 9:30 a.m., **New UU class**, social hall: Religious Education ...
Religious Diversity
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

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Big Questions: Deep Conversations



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