

For more about the larger Unitarian Universalist denomination with which we are affiliated, go to: <https://www.uua.org/>.

### **Good to know at UUSD:**

Nursery Care for children ages 0-5 is available on at least the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Children's Faith Education programming is at least 3 Sundays a month. For a place to listen to and watch the service if your child needs to move about or make some noise, please enjoy the comfort of our Foyer. For any questions about Children's Faith Exploration programming at UUSD, connect with Dr. Heather Hamilton at [CFEDirector@uusd.org](mailto:CFEDirector@uusd.org).

Our music program always welcomes new voices, instrumentalists, and accompanists to make yourselves heard! Reach out to our Director of Music Ministries, Julie Keefer, at [DirMusicMin@uusd.org](mailto:DirMusicMin@uusd.org).

Office Administrator Sandy Scheet-Robitaille is available Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2:30pm and can be reached at [Admin@uusd.org](mailto:Admin@uusd.org). Contact Sandy if you need a new or updated nametag. Nametag key: Yellow = Pastoral Care Associates; Green = Safety Response Volunteers; Blue = Board Members.

**Recording** - This worship service is being livestreamed and digitally recorded. Photos and videos may also be taken. Space is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who do not want their image or the images of their children live-streamed, recorded, archived, photographed, or posted on the UUSD's website, social media, or in print.

**Air Filtration & Circulation** - UUSD installed a state-of-the-art filtration and circulation system in 2021 that provides a high level of indoor air purification to ensure the safest possible environment when the building is in use. The REME-HaloLED air purifier systems that were installed on each of our building's 6 air handlers are 99% effective on all coronavirus strains, airborne and surface.

**UUSD Online Giving** - Everyone can donate from the Donate link at the top of the website at <https://uusd.org>. Text-to-give is available at 302-321-1707. Members and Friends can donate via Give Now in the Breeze app. Contact our Office Admin if you need help accessing Breeze. Contact [treasurer@uusd.org](mailto:treasurer@uusd.org) for questions about online giving. Thank you for supporting UUSD!

### **Our Covenant of Good Relations**

The members and friends of UUSD, in order to celebrate and nurture our search for meaning, connection, and acceptance, make this covenant with each other:

- I will seek to create a loving community, through worship and joyous community, that holds each member in safety, care, and trust.
- I will listen, reflect, and respond with respect.
- I will practice goodwill and assume it from others.
- I will speak from my own experience.
- I will speak responsibly and directly with those with whom I have conflict and honor our differences.
- I will be a positive participant in, and share responsibility for, the life of the church.
- I will strive with integrity to live by this covenant as an expression of the principles and purposes of the UUA.

(This Covenant was adopted by UUSD in 2002.)

# **Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware**

A Welcoming and Progressive  
Spiritual Community

**December 1, 2024**



**“The Land of Awes”  
Don Peterson, UUSD Member**

### **Our Vision**

*We are a caring community dedicated to being an inclusive,  
spiritual hub for our region that responds  
to the needs of our changing world.*

### **Our Mission**

*Nurture spiritual growth  
Embrace diversity  
Work for justice  
Strive for a loving world*

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When music begins, help us to create a listening, meditative environment together.

*The flowers on the Chancel today have been donated by Isaac Carney and Rick Welk, celebrating 23 years of sharing their lives together.*

Gathering Music Julie Keefer

Gathering Song #389 *Gathered Here* (gray hymnal)

Opening Words Don Peterson

Chalice Lighting Oberlin UU Fellowship Oberlin OH Sue O'Brien

We light this chalice to find inner peace,  
love for each other, and faith in ourselves;  
also, to be welcoming to whomever we meet  
and kind to all living creatures.  
So, gather around this light of hope as we share this time together.

Welcome and Announcements

Affirmation by Rev. James Vila Blake

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

Centering Music #123 *Spirit of Life* (gray hymnal) Julie Keefer

Joys and Sorrows Don Peterson

Leader: In our joys and in our sorrows  
Congregation: **We are not alone.**

Prayer/Meditation

Song of Meditation *Filled with Loving Kindness* (see insert)  
arr. Julie Keefer

Reading "Hope" Sue O'Brien

Offertory *What a Wonderful World*  
by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

Reflection "The Land of Awes" Don Peterson

Song of Reflection *In the Name of Music*  
lyrics by Wanetta Hill, music by Victor C. Johnson UUSD Choir

Chalice Extinguishing *Take the Fire* by Ron Parks  
Take the fire from this place,  
Let it shine on ev'ry face,  
Lift the light of truth and grace for all.  
Everyone plays a part; it's our mission and our art,  
As we joyously depart to serve.  
Peace, blessed be, namaste and amen,  
Seeking the path once again.  
Live in love, grow in grace, in each heart is sacred space.  
With compassion, we embrace the world.

Benediction Don Peterson



Good morning and welcome visitors! This is a place where we teach love, we encourage compassion and justice, and we celebrate diversity. Our services vary in form and content from week to week. We encourage you to join us for several weeks to get a more complete idea of who we are and what we are about.

Joys and Sorrows to be shared in the Sunday Update should be sent to Jean Charles at worship@uusd.org by 3pm Sunday. Please also email Jean if you are not receiving the Update and would like to.

Last Week's Attendance: 209 Adults, 20 children, 7 Visitors and 27 live-streamed.

Minister: Rev. Heather Rion Starr. Director of Music Ministries, Piano: Julie Keefer. Children's Faith Exploration (CFE) Director: Prof. Heather Hamilton. Guitar: Ron Parks. Bass: Rick Welk. Worship Associate: Sue O'Brien. Board Representative: Paul Barnette. Audio Visual Support: Cheryl Hickey. Social Time Clean-up Crew: Friends Covenant Group.