

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including ours, have added an 8<sup>th</sup> Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

### How to Make a Donation to Paint Branch

<https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/give/online>; or

Text the whole dollar amount to 301-321-7215; or

Drop your check in the offering basket or mail it to the church at:  
P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.

We do not accept cash donations – instead, please try one of our easy-to-use and secure donation systems.



### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

301-937-3666  
[www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Meeting Sundays at 3pm at:  
University Christian Church  
6800 Adelphi Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20782

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Order of Service



### “Living Our Purpose”

Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Carol Boston, Worship Associate

September 24, 2023

3:00 pm

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REV. ANN KADLECEK, *MINISTER*  
JEANNETTE JACKSON, *CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR*  
SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCERS DIRECTOR*

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
Worship Service**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023 3 pm**

**Gathering Music** Francesco Berrett, pianist

**Welcome** Carol Boston, Worship Associate

**Congregational Greeting**

**Call to Worship** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**\*Hymn #345** *With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*

**Chalice Lighting** by Bets Wienecke

May this flame,  
symbol of transformation since time began,  
fire our curiosity,  
strengthen our wills,  
and sustain our courage  
as we seek what is good within and around us.

**Commissioning of Pastoral Care Associates**

**Congregation:** Today we call you forth from among us.  
We place our trust in you,  
asking you to sit with us in our pain  
and celebrate with us in our joy.  
We ask you to be our spiritual companions,  
witnesses of our lives' paths.

**Joys and Sorrows** Kathy Bartolomeo, Pastoral Care Associate

**Ritual of Stones**

**Silence**

**Chalice Reflection** Carol Boston

**First Reading** by Rainer Maria Rilke

**Offering**

**Second Reading** by William Stafford

**Sermon** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

**\*Hymn: #1028** *Fire of Commitment*

**Closing Words**

**Response** *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

**Extinguishing Chalice**

*"Our service has ended, but our work is not yet done. May our spirits be renewed, and our purpose resolved as we meet the challenges of the week. The chalice flame is extinguished until once again ignited by the strength of our communion."*

*- Martha Kirby Capo*

**Announcements**

**Music for Connection and Conversation**

*\* Please rise in body and/or spirit*

**A special thank you!**

Tech: Mark Denome, Keith Miller & Kathi Yu  
Ushers: Margaret McLellan & Mary Rooker;  
lead usher: Chris Evans

This service is recorded using a camera in the rear of the sanctuary. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in the back couple of rows