



**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION**  
**Shared Unitarian Universalist Values**  
 (Adopted June 22, 2024)

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

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P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.



#### 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



#### Dancing Our Common Ground

Chalice Dancers Service

*with Carol Boston, Worship Associate*

May 18, 2025 at 3 pm

ANTHONY JENKINS, *MINISTER*

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AMELIA PEELE, *MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR*

SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCERS DIRECTOR*

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AUDREY DIXON, *TECH SUPPORT SPECIALIST*

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**Prelude** *Common Ground* Chalice Dancers

**Welcome & Announcements** Carol Boston,  
*Worship Associate*

**Congregational Greeting** Carol Boston

**Call to Worship** Sharon Werth,  
*Chalice Dancers Director*

**\*Hymn #389** *Gathered Here* Amelia Peele,  
*Music Ministry Director,*  
Francesco Berrett, Interim Pianist  
Paint Branch Choir & Congregation

**Chalice Lighting** Sharon Werth  
*O light of life,*  
*Be kindled again in our hearts*  
*As we meet together this afternoon*  
*To celebrate the joy of human community*  
*Seeking a wholeness that extends beyond ourselves.*  
(Sam Trumbore)

**Candle for All Peoples** Carol Boston

**Reflection** *Interdependence:* Adrienne York-Minor  
*A Covenantal Call to Common Ground*

**Congregational Spoken Word Activity** Ken Shilling

**Dance:** *We Are* Chalice Dancers

**Reflection** *From the Wisdom of* Peggy Hoffman  
*Our Ancestors –A Way to Common Ground*

**Joys and Sorrows**  
**Communal Ritual**  
**Silence**

Mark Denome  
*Pastoral Care Associate*

**Drumming Meditation** Ken Shilling and  
Amelia Peele

**Offering** Carol Boston

**Offertory** Francesco Berrett

**Dance:** *Swimming to the Other Side* Chalice Dancers  
with Paint Branch Choir

**Reflection** *Just Keep Swimming:* Carol Boston  
*Seeking Common Ground for the Future*

**\*Hymn #311** *Let It Be a Dance* Amelia Peele,  
Francesco Berrett,  
Paint Branch Choir & Congregation

**Extinguishing the Chalice** Carol Boston  
*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 meet again.* (Elizabeth Selle Jones)

**Closing Words** Sharon Werth

**Reprise:** *Swimming to the Other Side* Congregational  
Movement

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

**A special thank you!**

**Tech:** Jaime Smith, Audrey Dixon, and Liz Citrin

**Ushers:** Chris Evans and Margaret McLellan

**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 rows.

***Dancing Our Common Ground***  
**Additional Information**

***Common Ground***

Composer: Ivan Lins

Lyrics: Jim Scott and Paul Winter

Recording: Paul Winter Consort

***We Are***

Composer: Ysaye Barnwell

Recording: Sweet Honey in the Rock

***Swimming to the Other Side***

Composer: Pat Humphries

**The Chalice Dancers**

The Chalice Dancers bring the joy of sacred movement into Sunday worship services. They expand and redefine the liturgical dance tradition for the Unitarian Universalist faith and the 21st century through their dance presentations and congregational movement. They are committed to bringing movement into the worship experience and the community. Sacred dance is an expression of faith.

They have been a part of PBUUC since 1994, and have been led by [Sharon Werth](#), Artistic Director, for over 25 years.

Collaborations with the choir, young people, musicians, poets and other dance groups enrich their offerings.

Today's dances were choreographed by Sharon Werth

Chalice Dancers: Reena Bernards, Abby Crowley, Marcia Freeman, Peggy Hoffman, Anne Hoover, Shantá Johnson, Sherry Mitchell, Karen Lee Scrivo, Ken Shilling, Kathy Wallens, and Adrienne York-Minor

Special **“Thank You”** to our guest dancers for the reprise of “Swimming to the Other Side”.