



October 11, 2026

Order of Service

Together, we nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice to build the Beloved Community.

Worship Leader: Rev. Carrie Holley-Hurt

Music Director: Brent Baldwin

Lay Leader: Margaret Borden

Caring Companion: Lynda West

Please feel free to light candles to mark sacred moments at any time before the service or any of the times in the service designated by an asterisk below.

- *Prelude: "Sonata in C Minor: Presto" (Giovanni Battista) - Valeria Diaz, piano
- Welcome: Rev. Carrie Holley-Hurt
- Lighting the Chalice (in unison): ***This is the flame we hold in our hearts as we strive for justice for everyone. This is the light we shine upon systems of oppression until they are no more. This is the warmth that we share with one another as our struggle becomes our salvation.***
- Hymn: #361 (gray hymnal) "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
- Affirming Our Mission (in unison): ***Together we nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice to build the Beloved Community.***
- Monthly Service Offering: Online Abortion Resource Squad (OARS) - Lisa Carrell
- Offertory: "Sonata No. 7: Allegro Moderato" (Joseph Haydn) - Valeria Diaz, piano

- Choose Your Adventure:
 - **Sanctuary:** Music with Brent: Join Brent and the music staff to explore selections from our new hymnal, Sing Out Love!
 - **Howson Hall:** Join Aubrey to celebrate It's Everybody's Birthday! This is a great way to get to know each other even more and there will be birthday cake! Special thanks to Lorna Landry for this idea!
 - **Courtyard:** Create welcoming art with Sol! Write messages of welcome on our sidewalks and/or create welcoming yard signs. If this was your first time here, what would make you feel welcomed?
 - **Room 13:** Rev. Carrie will lead us through the creation of our own unique rituals of grounding so that we can welcome ourselves home at the end of a long day or when things become too much.
 - **Playground:** Join up with Joe and Russell for a playground cleanup party. Supplies and refreshments provided along with music, fresh air, and community. If you care about our kids please help make their space welcoming!
- Extinguishing the Chalice (*in unison*): ***We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we hold in our hearts until we are together.***

2027 Pledge Drive

Pledging is a Spiritual Practice

Please pledge today so your contribution can be included in next week's Celebration Sunday tally. You can make your 2027 Pledge at austinuu.org or at the Stewardship Table in Howson Hall after the service.

Living Love...and Building Our Dreams

Did you know?

A group of dedicated members of First UU are working to promote democracy by registering folks to vote, encouraging folks to vote, and protecting the vote.

To the Parents of Young Children, May We Suggest:

Relax! Nature made children to wiggle, so don't feel the need to suppress the fullness of their humanity in this sacred place.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see what's going on.

Quietly explain the parts of the service to them, letting them know when it is time to sit in quiet reverence and when they should sing enthusiastically!

If you have to step out with your child, please feel free, but do come back. We love to see all ages in our sanctuary. Please know that we do have a "comfort room" at the back of the sanctuary where you can still hear and see the service and be comfortable with your child. (But that's for your comfort, not ours!)

To the Members of Our Church: The presence of children is a gift to our faith community and a reminder that our church is growing. Please be welcoming and give grace for how they exist in the world. This is how we will continue to grow a loving and beautiful community centered on love.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to communities of faith, religious exploration, experiences of the Divine, and to one another.