First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin

November 15, 2026

Order of Service

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

Worship Leader: Andrea McDaniel

Music Director: Brent Baldwin

Lay Leader: Dana Quick

Caring Companion: Toni Wegner

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: “Allegro con Spirito” (Kuhlau) Valeria Diaz, piano
- Welcome: Andrea McDaniel
- 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.***
- Call to Worship: words by Samantha Wilson - Dana Quick
- Hymn: #1008 (teal hymnal) “When Our Heart is In a Holy Place”
- Affirming Our Mission (*in unison*): ***Together we nourish souls, transform lives, and do justice to build the Beloved Community.***
- Anthem: “When You Believe” (Stephen Schwartz) Noah Reinhuber, voice; Valeria Diaz, piano

- Time for All-Ages: “Horrible Bear” by Ame Dychman and Zachariah OHara - Aubrey Moore

- *Meditation on Breathing:

  When I breathe in, I’ll breathe in peace.

  When I breathe out, I’ll breathe out love.

- Offertory: “Album for the Young: Waltz” (Tchaikovsky) - Valeria Diaz, piano

- Reading: “When Lonely Press Left Paw” (Army Chaplain George Tyger) - Dana Quick

- Centering

- Music for Meditation: “Cavatina” (Stanley Myers) Valeria Diaz, piano

- Sermon: “UU Faith Under Tension" - Andrea McDaniel

- Hymn: #170 (gray hymnal) “We Are A Gentle, Angry People”

- 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 again.***

- Benediction

- *Postlude: “I giorni” (Eiunaudi) Valeria Diaz, piano

Living Love...and Building Our Dreams

Did you know?

Over 50 new members have joined the church just this year.

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.