

Order of Service
November 16, 2025
Rick Lenz, Service Pianist
Marlana Rice, Worship Associate

(*) Indicates rising in body or spirit

◆ **Gathering Bell and Prelude**

Words of Welcome

Whoever you are, we welcome you.
Wherever you come from, we welcome you.
Whomever you love, we welcome you.

Gathering Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*
gray hymnal #21

Land Acknowledgment

Chalice Lighting

Reading Hearts *May Peace Rain Over Us*
Sing Out Love

May peace, peace rain over us,
Let it fill this place.
May peace, peace rain over us,
'Til we're filled with grace.

May it flow through the lands and the rivers
May it bring rebirth.
May peace, peace rain over us
Cov'ring all the Earth

Labyrinth Rite ☸

*We create a sacred space to hold one another's joys,
concerns, and sorrows.*

Song in Meditation *Spirit of Life*
gray hymnal #123

Time for All Ages

Children & Youth Dismissed to Activities
(Reeb Benediction)

Shared Reading *To Worship* (Trapp)
gray hymnal #441

Reflection

***Song in Response** *Gather the Spirit*
gray hymnal #347

Responding with Gratitude (Offertory)

Extinguishing the Chalice

***Sung Blessing** *Travel Light*
(Carole Eagleheart)

***Benediction & Postlude**

We will share the offering with Hearts & Hands this month. UU Amherst has been a partner with Hearts & Hands for eight years as they provide rides, yardwork, and companionship to seniors in the community. You can support their work by volunteering and/or financial contributions. Simply make checks payable to UU Amherst with "Hearts and Hands" in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope and designate for H&H.

◆ We live stream and record our services. The recordings can be found at our YouTube channel, UU Amherst. If you are shy about appearing in the video, we suggest you sit toward the back of the chapel.

☸ Note that there is an additional small labyrinth at the back of the chapel, as well as the large one up front.

CONNECTING AT UU AMHERST ✦

NOVEMBER

Wed 11/19 **Historical Jesus Video Series**
(weekly through 11/26)
1:00 pm Living Room

Sat 11/22 **Slow Retreat**
10:00 am-2:00 pm
(see back for details)

Book Sale 11/22-11/24
Atrium, Potter Room, Living Room
(see back for details)

Thr 11/27 **Thanksgiving with Friends**
1:00 pm Emerson Room
Sign up at Welcome Desk

Sun 11/30 **UU Amherst Book Club**
12:00 pm Living Room

DECEMBER

Fri 12 /5 **JAT Movie Night**
7:00 pm Emerson Room

Sun 12 /7 **Hygge Gathering**
11:30 am Emerson Room

Thr 12 /11 **Blue Holiday Vespers**
7:00 pm Chapel

✦ Note: This is a partial list. Recurring group meetings, rentals and meetings by non-UU Amherst groups take place during the month. To see all activities, visit the Calendar page at uamherst.org.

Slow Retreat

Saturday, November 22 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Join us to rest, breathe and simply be. We'll create cozy spaces with light structure, time for meditation, nourishing food, quiet and togetherness. RSVP by November 17th to Katie by email: dfd@uuamherst.org.

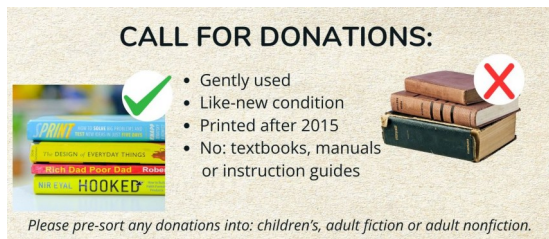


Book Sale
Saturday, Nov. 22nd
2-4 pm

**Book Sale w/
Children's Story Time**
Sunday, Nov. 23rd
12-1:30 pm

Last Chance Bag Sale
Monday, Nov. 24th
4-6 pm

We will also have discounted clothing for sale from the Clothing Ministry as well as other goodies to be announced later. All proceeds support UU Amherst. Please spread the word!



We'll be officially receiving donations on Sunday, November 16th. If you would like to drop them off sooner, please drop books off on the carts in the Boiler Room (off the lobby near the entrance) in the pre-sorted containers!



Funding Our Future

Make your pledge today!
Pledge forms available in the
church lobby.



It's that time of year for the Gateway Longview Holiday Hope Gift Giving Campaign! Wishlists will be available on a tree in the lobby. Donors are expected to spend \$75-100, so we encourage teaming up with others to fulfill the list. For many children, this is the only gift they will receive this holiday, so actual presents are encouraged rather than gift cards—if you don't like shopping, the UU Amherst Elves will accept cash donations and do it for you. Gifts will be transported to Holiday Hope Headquarters in early December.



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Gratitude for a Living & Loving Faith
Rev. Michelle
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