

Order of Service
July 27, 2025
“We Celebrate Life”
Led by Rev. Kate Dean

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Daniel Murphy, Pianist
Ringing the Bell & Welcome Julia Firmbach

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Rev. Kate Dean, Guest Minister
Opening Hymn: *“Life is the Greatest Gift of All”* Hymn #331

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Wonderbox Rev. Kate Dean & Lukas

Congregational Song: *“As You Go”*
(words & music: Kathleen Tracy)

Outreach Offering: End 68 Hours of Hunger Julia Firmbach
Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach
Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church
(603) 945-2859
Or give online at bit.ly/uucnoutreach

Offertory: Instrumental Dan Murphy
Response: *“From You I Receive”* Hymn #402

Joys & Sorrows Julia Firmbach & Rev. Kate Dean
(910) 807-3851
Silent Reflection
Response: *“Spirit of Life”* Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection Julia Firmbach
Credo by Rev Cliff Reed

Chant: Do What Most Kindles Love in You
(words: Julian Norwich; music: David Kent)

Sermon Rev. Kate Dean

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “Fire of Commitment” Hymn #1028

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Rev. Kate Dean, Guest Minister

Song for Parting; *“Peace & Joy”*
(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Daniel Murphy, Pianist

Notes for our In-person Attendees

MASKS & COVID VACCINATIONS: Masks are optional and vaccinations are strongly encouraged. If you test positive for Covid-19 within 5 days of attending service, please inform the Church Office at uucnoffice@uunashua.org

CARING CANDLES: If you have a joy or sorrow to share, you can fill out a Candle Card (on the welcome tables) and give it to a Greeter or Staff member prior to the start of the service. You can also Text your Joy/Concern to 910-807-3851. Please include your name.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP ROOM (Room 258): Available most Sundays from 9:50-11am for any children, especially young children, to play and meet church caregivers who are both volunteers and staff. The worship service is streamed into this classroom, offering young and old a chance to hear the music and words of the service in a setting that may better meet the needs of young, active, or nervous children. Please reach out to Sadie Kahn-Greene if you have questions or would like to help volunteer in this space.

UU KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES (Room 302): This option is available for children ages 4 and up. Children will start in the worship space and head to room 302, with volunteers, after the wonderbox moment through 11:15. In this space they can do legos, beads, art, and games.

WONDER BAGS:

While we don’t have a dedicated family worship space at Rivier, we have “Wonder Bags” to borrow! They include small clipboards with coloring pages, order of service word searches, pipe cleaners, and quiet toys. Anyone who wants one may choose a bag on their way in and return it on their way out, so it will be ready to be restocked for the next week.