

Order of Service
August 10, 2025
“Practising at Paradise”
Led by Rev. Kate Dean

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director
Ringing the Bell & Welcome Brenna Woods

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Rev. Kate Dean, Visiting Minister
Greeting Rev. Kate Dean
Opening Hymn: “*Gather the Spirit*” STLT: Hymn #347

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Wonderbox Rev. Kate Dean
 The story of the Tinker of Swaffam
Congregational Song: “*As You Go*”
 (words & music: Kathleen Tracy)
Prayer of Names
Chant: “*The Light of the Spirit*”
 (Words: Rev. Sarah Tinker; Music: David Kent)

Caring Candles Brenna Woods & Rev. Kate Dean
 (910) 807-3851
 Silent Reflection
 Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection- ‘You’re Blessed’
Luke 6:21-26, 38 (The Message Version)
Hymn: “*Come Down O Love Divine*” Hymns for Living: Hymn # 45
Tao Te Ching
 (verses 53 and 54, tr: Stephen Mitchell)
Prayer and Meditation
Music for Reflection: Instrumental Jed Holland
Sermon Rev. Kate Dean

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “*Fire of Commitment*”

STJ: Hymn #1028

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Rev. Kate Dean, Visiting Minister

Postlude Music & Outreach Collection

Jed Holland, Music Director

Outreach Offering: Grow Nashua

Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach

Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church

(603) 945-2859

Thank Yous

Rev. Kate Dean, Visiting Minister

Song for Parting; “*Peace & Joy*”

(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

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.