

Order of Service
July 19, 2026
“Choose Your Weeds Carefully”
Led by Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director

Ring the Bell & Welcome Tina Marshman

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

Opening Hymn: “*Heart Opening Song*”
(words & music: Randy Partain) Scan the QR code in your pew or
[click here](#) to view the sheet music

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Blessing of the Weeds Michael Packard

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

Outreach Offering: Project Cozy Tina Marshman
Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach
Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church
(603) 945-2859

Offertory: Instrumental Jed Holland
Response: “*From You I Receive*” Hymn #402

Musical Interlude Jed Holland

Caring Candles Michael Packard & Tina Marshman
(910) 807-3851
Silent Reflection
Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection Tina Marshman
From “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Anthem: “*Hold Me, Rock Me*” Video
(by Brian Tate; Based on lyrics from Mary, Becca, Martha & Jed Holland
Traditional Spirituals) Circa 2021

Sermon: A Celebration of the Unwanted Plant Michael Packard

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Hymn #21

Benediction

Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

Song for Parting: *"Peace and Joy"*
(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director

**Recurring Band Members: Jaydan H., clarinet & percussion; Sara Martin, percussion*

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.

CHILDCARE (Rainbow Room): We offer childcare for children under 4 every Sunday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. We have toys, books, snacks and caring volunteers and staff offering a safe caring space for little ones.

FAMILY CORNER: This is a space available during worship for families with young children to best meet the needs of our families and our multigenerational community. We offer floor mats, rocking chairs, floor chairs and quiet toys in the sanctuary for families with young children who may need a little more space to be together during worship time.

WONDER BAGS & FLOOR SEATING UP FRONT: We have "Wonder Bags" & Wonder Embroidery to borrow for children of all ages. These quiet toys, stitching & coloring are available to borrow and bring a pew. We also have floor chairs near upfront for children to see better.. Guests can choose a bag upon entering the Narthex or at the front of the church and return it when leaving for restocking the following week.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: There are 6 dedicated accessible parking spaces in the Grove St. parking lot. Access these spaces on the east side of our facility; approach from Whitney St. and turn south on Grove St., a one-way street down to Canal St. There is also one accessible parking space in our Lemon St. parking lot on the west side of the buildings.