

Order of Service
August 9, 2026
“The Comfort Zone”
Led by Katie Evans, Julia Firmbach & Brenna Woods

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Josh Evans

Ringing the Bell & Welcome Julia Firmbach

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Katie Evans & Simon W.
words by Cleo Wade
from her book “In a World of Sunrises”

Opening Hymn: “*Enter, Rejoice and Come In*” Hymn #361

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Wonderbox Katie Evans, Lukas F. & Betty F.

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

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

Offertory: “*Count on Me*” Josh Evans
(words & music: Bruno Mars, Philip Lawrence
& Ari Levine)

Response: “*From You I Receive*” Hymn #402

Caring Candles Julia Firmbach & Katie Evans
(910) 807-3851
Silent Reflection
Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection: The Golden "No" By Erika Hewitt Brenna Woods

Hymn: “*Blue Boat Home*” Hymn #1064

Reflection: Julia Firmbach
Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone

Anthem: “*My Days*” Brenna Woods
(Originally Performed by Joy Woods;

Composed by Ingrid Michaelson)

Reflection: On Comfort, and the Edges of It

Katie Evans

Musical Interlude

Josh Evans

Reflection: Yours to Choose

Brenna Woods

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: *"When Our Heart is in a Holy Place"*

Hymn #1008

Benediction

Katie Evans

Growing out of Our Comfort by Melissa Jeter

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

Postlude

Josh Evans

**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.