

Order of Service
September 27, 2026
“200th Anniversary Kickoff
Led by Rev. Allison Palm

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude	Jed Holland, Music Director
Ring the Bell & Welcome	Rev. Allison Palm, Minister

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Excerpt from the Nov. 1982 UU Nashua Newsletter, Written by Cindy Spring	Roy Goodman & Friend
Opening Hymn: “ <i>We Belong to One Another</i> ” (words: Amanda Udis-Kessler; music: John Wyeth)	Scan the QR code in your pew for the sheet music or click here.

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Wonderbox Written by Roy Goodman	Sadie Kahn-Greene, Betty F. & Lukas F.
Anthem: “ <i>Come Dance With Us</i> ” (words & music: Hal Walker)	Marissa Volpe & Mike Cooper
The Church Where We Belong	Rev. Allison Palm & Michael Packard
Congregational Song: “ <i>As You Go</i> ” (words & music: Kathleen Tracy)	
Greetings from the New England Region UUA	Wren Bellevance-Grace
Greetings from the City of Nashua	Mayor Jim Donchess
Outreach Offering: Daring Democracy NH Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church (603) 945-2859	Amanda Banner, Treasurer
Offertory: Instrumental	Jed Holland
Response: “ <i>From You I Receive</i> ”	Hymn #402
Reflections from our Minister Emeritus	Rev. Steve Edington
Caring Candles (910) 807-3851 Silent Reflection Response: “ <i>Spirit of Life</i> ”	Michael Packard & Laurie Barry Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection

Roy Goodman

Rev HC Parker, Minister Unitarian Church in Nashua
1879-1888

From Topsy Turvy Causation (1882)
From The Unitarian Church of Nashua and what it stands
for (1885)

Anthem: *"Choose Something Like a Star"*
(poem by Robert Frost; music: Randall Thompson)

UU Nashua Choir

Homily

Rev. Allison Palm

Invitation to sign our Church Affirmation

Rev. Allison Palm

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Anthem: *"200 Years"*
(words & music: Jed Holland)

Benediction

Rev. Allison Palm, Minister

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

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director

**House Band members playing regularly: Jaydan H., clarinet; 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.

Service Livestream: The service is being livestreamed via Zoom and shows a congregation view. If you do not wish to be on camera, you may sit in the back or in the balcony.