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**Order of Service**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Invocation:** *Outwitted* by Edwin Markham

**Opening Hymn:** *#346 Come Sing a Song with Me*

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

**Placing the Stones**

You are invited to place a stone in our chalice bowl.

**Lighting the Chalice**

With hope to make this a better world, we light this flame.  
Its light is a symbol of the power of love.

**Doxology by Isaac Watts**

From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise,  
Let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

**Reading:** *The Great End in Religious Instruction* by Rev. William Ellery Channing

**New Adult Ceremony**

**Hymn:** *#318 We Would be One*

**Sermon Part I:** *Raising Unitarian Universalists* by Rev. Nathan Ryan

**Offertory:** Our **May** shared offering goes to **Louisiana Trans Advocates.**

**Reading:** *A Stranger in my hometown* by Rev. Barbara Wells Ten Hove

**Sermon Part II**

**Hymn:** *#352 Find a Stillness*

**Reading:** *Children of a Different Tribe* by Sharon Hwang Cooligan

**Sermon Conclusion:**

**Closing Hymn:** *#1028 The Fire of Commitment*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Flowers provided by **Don Hoppe** and **J.T. Bacon** on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary**-**less.