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**Order of Service**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Processional:** *Lord, Help Me to Hold Out* by Harrison E. Johnson

**Invocation:** *The Unitarian Universalism That Does Not Exist Yet* by Rev. Natalie Fenimore

**Opening Hymn:** *We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

**Welcome**

**Lesson**

**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:** *Visitors in the Struggle* by Rev. Aisha Ansano

**Gospel:** *Reach* by DOE

**Sermon Part I:** *Help Me to Hold Out* by Rev. Nathan Ryan

**Offertory:** Our **August** shared offering goes to **Humanities Amped**.

**Sermon Part II**

**Reading:** *A Small Needful Fact* by Ross Gay

**Gospel:** *I Need You to Survive* by David Frazier

**Prayer**

**Reprise:** *I Need You to Survive* by David Frazier

**Reading:** *Count on Surprises by Octavia Butler*

**Gospel:** *Hold On, Help Is on the Way* by Rev. Kenneth Paden

**Sermon Conclusion**

**Closing Hymn:** *Joy Comes Back/This Joy* by Ruthie Foster/Sean Staples/Shirley Caesar

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Today’s flowers are provided by **Megan Sheehan-Dean** in celebration of Liam and Jackie’s marriage.