



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Building a Community of Diversity, Justice and Love  
June 1, 2025 ORDER OF SERVICE



**Announcements and Welcome**

By Worship Assistant Lenore Rendina

**Prelude** By Chris Ussery

**Chalice Lighting**

**Opening Hymn** #100 Morning Has Come

**Call to Worship** Sung (Singing the Journey, teal hymnal)  
#1031 Filled with Loving Kindness

**Words of Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church and service is our prayer.  
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

**Song of Aspiration**

From all who 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.

**Time for the Young at Heart:**

"The Kind Gentleman"

**Collection for Respond Now**

**Readings** 'Love and the Cabbie' by Art Buchwald  
'A Simple Gesture' by John W Schlatter

**Sermon** "Kindness 101" The Rev Ms Denise D Tracy

**Offertory**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Spoken Meditation**

**Sung Response** (Singing the Journey, teal hymnal)  
#1053 How Could Anyone

**Closing Words**

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Closing Circle/Song**

Spirit of life, Come unto me  
Sing in my heart, All the stirrings of compassion  
Blow in the wind, Rise in the sea  
Move in the hand, Giving life the shape of justice  
Roots hold me close, Wings set me free  
Spirit of Life, Come to me, Come to me.

**The Rev Ms Denise D Tracy** was ordained in 1974. At that time, she was the 8th woman to be employed in ministry in our denomination. She has held a diversity of ministries, including on campus, in the parish, as Denominational Executive, as a Consultant, and as an Interim. She retired in 2014 and has developed a wide portfolio of professional volunteer responsibilities in the city of Elgin. She was one of four people who helped Elgin become an International City of Peace, for which she won the MLK Humanitarian Award for the City of Elgin in 2014. She is a Unitarian Universalist minister who preaches nearly every Sunday and has a business as a wedding officiant- [Revdenisetray.com](http://Revdenisetray.com). She has been active in women's issues for over 40 years. She has been married to her husband, Bill Decker for 42 years and has three children and three grandchildren.