



Unitarian Society of Germantown
Order of Service
Learning to Capsize
September 14, 2025



Gathering Hymn

Forget Your Perfect Offering

Words by Leonard Cohen, Music by Jeffrey Alphonso Mooney

Forget your perfect offering
Let's ring the bells that still can ring
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.

Welcome & Announcements

Shobhana Kanak

Call to Worship

Rev. Hannah Capaldi, Minister

Chalice Lighting

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

Musical Response

Rise Up, O Flame

Rise up, O flame, by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty, vision, and joy.

Story

Kintsugi Pot

Rev. Hannah Capaldi

Children's Recessional

Go Now In Peace

Testimony

Shobhana Kanak

Share the Plate

Our Share the Plate recipient this week is the Jewish Relief Fund. *For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.*

Offertory

Japanese Bowl

Words & music by Peter Mayer
Stearns Matthews, Dir. Music Ministries

Prayer

Rev. Hannah Capaldi

Hymn

#101, *Abide with Me*

Moment of Silence

Reading

Shobhana Kanal

Homily

Rev. Hannah Capaldi and Stearns Matthews

Hymn

#1028, *The Fire of Commitment*

Chalice Extinguishing

Shobhana Kanal

We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,
As we live into the mission of this congregation:
Building Beloved Community with
Compassion, Service and Empowerment

Benediction

Visitor Form: <https://usg.breezechms.com/form/foac5e>

Support USG - Multiple Ways to Give

Text 215-608-2660 with your donation amount and fund designation.
Simply enter: [Amount] [space] [fund name]

Make checks payable to USG and include intended fund in the memo line.

Online, go to bit.ly/USGgiving and follow prompts.

Meditation with Springboard Sangha

September 21 from 8-9:30am in Sullivan

Email info@springboardsangha.org for more information.

Autumn Equinox Labyrinth Workshop

September 21 from 2-5pm in the USG Labyrinth

On the eve of the autumn equinox, join us for a labyrinth walk and ritual. Guided by Athena Dugan, we'll honor the equal presence of the light and the dark and honor the balance in our own lives. We'll release what no longer serves us and set intentions for the season ahead. This is a multigenerational workshop and walking is not a requirement.

Meet the Minister

September 21 after service in the Minister's Office

GenXYZ Game Night

September 26 from 7-9:30pm in the Edna Jones Assembly Room

Bring snacks and board games to share if you'd like! Email GenXYZ@usguu.org for more information.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**CSD 2025-2026 Registration is Open!**

We are so excited to start another year of CSD at USG!
Even if you have registered your family before, please fill out the registration form for the 2025-2026 program year at [here](#).

Keypads at USG

Two out of three key pads at USG are currently on the fritz!
The Edna Jones Assembly room entrance has the remaining functional keypad, so please use that entrance until we get the issue resolved.