



Unitarian Society of Germantown  
Order of Service  
The Water We Make: Ingathering 2025  
September 7, 2025



**Gathering Hymn**

Stearns Matthews, Director of Music Ministries

*#188, Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Hannah Capaldi, Minister

**Chalice Lighting**

**Musical Response**

*Whoever You Are*, Adam Podd

**Story**

Stearns Matthews, Rev. Hannah Capaldi and  
Zoë Johnston, Director of Spiritual Development

*The Garden and the Wasteland*, Rev. Molly Housh Gordon  
with Jamila Batchelda

**Watering the Sanctuary and Prayer**

**Hymn**

*The River*

Coco Love Alcorn

Water, heal my body  
Water, heal my soul  
When I go down, down to the water  
By the water, I feel whole

**Homily**

Rev. Hannah Capaldi

**Share the Plate**

Our Share the Plate recipient this week is Lift Every Voice Philly. *For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.*

**Offertory**

### *Swimming to the Other Side*

Pat Humphries

We are living 'neath the great big dipper  
We are washed by the very same rain  
We are swimming in this stream together  
Some in power and some in pain  
We can worship this ground we walk on  
Cherishing the beings that we live beside  
Loving spirits will live forever  
We're all swimming to the other side

### **Gather the Waters**

### **Bless the Waters**

### **Hymn**

#1007, *There's A River*

### **Chalice Extinguishing**

### **Benediction**

Rev. Hannah Capaldi

**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](http://bit.ly/USGgiving) and follow prompts.

### **Deeper Than The Skin Concert Event**

Saturday September 20 at 7pm at USG

We are thrilled to host Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway for Deeper Than The Skin, a musical presentation on race in America.

\$15 for adults

\$8 for children and youth under 14

Free childcare provided

**[Get your tickets today!](#)**

### **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.

### **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](#).