Please silence cell phones as we enter into our worship time.

If you are new to First Unitarian Church - Following the service, please join us for Coffee Hour. If you would like to learn more about our congregation, Unitarian Universalism, or membership, we encourage you to say "hi" to an usher, grab a "How to Get Involved" Handbook, check out our website (www.philauu.org), or contact the Member Ministry Team at *membership@philauu.org*.

Accessibility: We have an integrated hearing loop system in the Sanctuary, which provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by hearing aids and helps those with hearing impairment enjoy the services and music better. To use the hearing loop, you don't need to change any settings, just sit in the center aisle of the Sanctuary and make sure your hearing aid is turned on. We also have large print Orders of Service at the Usher table.

Prayers of Our Hearts: All are invited forward before the service to light a candle of prayer at the altar. If you or a loved one is going through something hard and you wish to be lifted in congregational prayer, you are invited to email *caring@philauu.org* or call the church office at 215-563-3980 during the week.

Donating Flowers on a Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one and beautify the Parish. A tax-deductible donation of $35 is asked. To reserve a date, contact *info@philauu.org*. Your donation can be recognized in the Order of Service or done anonymously.

Feedback: We welcome your thoughts about the worship service! Feel free to contact the Worship Team at *worship@philauu.org*.

Healing Democracy

November 8, 2026

We invite children & youth upstairs for Spirit+Ed after the Time for All Ages. Nursery care will be offered starting at 10:30am in the Olympia Room (3rd floor).

Prayer Candles

All are invited forward to light a candle of prayer at the altar before the service begins

Processional *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. (x3)
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

… walking and talking, singing and praying

Call to Worship Rev. Abbey Tennis

Hymn *We'll Build a Land* #121

Kindling the Chalice Flame

May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our power to heal with love, to help with compassion, to bless with joy, to serve the spirit of freedom in the fullness of community.

Welcome & Greeting Destiny Gayz, Worship Associate

Anthem *The People, Yes* (David Kurkowski, music Carl Sandburg, text) First Unitarian Choir & First U Instrumental Ensemble

Time for All Ages Rev. Abbey Tennis

Stewardship Testimonial

Announcements Rev. Abbey Tennis

For all of what is happening in our community this week, check out our E-Beacon newsletter:

Prayers of our Hearts Rev. Abbey Tennis

Hymn *There Is More Love Somewhere* #95

Silent Meditation

Homily Rev. Abbey Tennis

Offering Reflection Destiny Gayz

To contribute to today's offering, you can put cash or check in the plate as it passes, or text (215) 709-5095 to give with a credit card. We are grateful for your generosity!

Offertory *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* John B Hedges
(Stevie Wonder)

Closing Invitation Rev. Abbey Tennis

Hymn *We Shall Overcome* #169

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Benediction Rev. Abbey Tennis

Postlude John B Hedges

Excerpt:

The People, Yes by Carl Sandburg

This old anvil laughs at many broken hammers.
There are men who can't be bought.
The fireborn are at home in fire.
The stars make no noise,
You can't hinder the wind from blowing.
Time is a great teacher.
Who can live without hope?
In the darkness with a great bundle of grief the people march.
In the night, and overhead a shovel of stars for keeps, the people march:
"Where to? what next?"

Special thanks to guest performers from the
Lower Merion Symphony:
Ruth Dubb, Mark Inchoco, Paul Rogers, and Paul Stelben.