

*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](http://www.philauu.org)), or contact the Member Ministry Team at [membership@philauu.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:worship@philauu.org)

# ***Right Relationship When There's No Right Answer***

October 5, 2025

*Children will head upstairs for Spirit+Ed after the Recovenanting Ritual.*

*Nursery care is available for our littlest ones starting at 10:45am.*



## **Prayer Candles**

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

## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

Rev. Abbey Tennis

## **Opening Hymn**

*Come and Go with Me*

#1018

## **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**

Mercy Iyere, Worship Associate

## **Anthem**

*Du Bist die Ruh*

Anna Apostolidis

(comp. Franz Schubert, text Friedrich Rückert)

You are repose  
and gentle peace.  
You are longing  
and what stills it.

Come in to me  
and softly close  
the gate  
behind you.

The temple of my  
eyes  
is lit  
by your radiance  
alone:  
O, fill it wholly!

Full of joy and grief  
I consecrate to you  
my eyes and my heart  
as a dwelling place.

Drive all other grief  
from my breast.  
Let my heart  
be full of your joy.

## **Recovenanting Ritual**

*(see back of Order of Service)*

## 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

*We Begin Again in Love*

#1037

*We forgive ourselves and each other, we begin again in love*

## Silent Meditation

## Sermon

Rev. Abbey Tennis

## Offering Reflection

Mercy Iyere

*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

*Lotta Love*  
(Neil Young)

Tim Lulofs, Fred Tipson  
& Dave Eldridge

## Closing Invitation

Rev. Abbey Tennis

## Hymn

*Vine and Fig Tree*

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## 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

# **First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia**

## ***Congregational Covenant***

As part of our commitment to loving kindness and justice, we seek to build and sustain a community that nurtures our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Recognizing that the growth of this community requires intentional dedication, we covenant together to:

- Act in ways that acknowledge the inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Honor the differences that each of us brings, recognizing that our individual paths collectively shape our community and the wider world;
- Communicate with generosity, attentiveness, respect, and honesty, knowing that listening leads to learning;
- Respect each person's boundaries of mind, body, and spirit;
- Commit to a culture of loving accountability, where we work together for restoration when harm has taken place;
- Contribute to the growth of our community with our participation, our words, our public commitment, our gifts, and our money, as we are able.

*Affirmed by the congregation, January 23, 2022*