

Order of Service

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MUNCIE

Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10:45 am

“Blessing of the Animals”

Rev. Dr. Joel Tishken

Worship Associate: Brian Reed

Pianist: Dr. James Helton, Director of Music

Special Music: Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michael Seregow, pianist

Time of Sharing and Spirit: Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Chaplain

Storyteller: Pam Stults

Zoom Tech: Lee Pierce

Sights & Sounds: Ric Dwenger

Hospitality: Aries & Tynan Drake, Chris Musick,

Caroline & Mike Sullivan

Greeters: Tania Said, Lisa Weeks

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Invocation

Rev. Joel Tishken

“The Calling of the Creatures” by Ian W. Riddell

Chalice Lighting

Brian Reed

Gathering Song * #38, “Morning Has Broken”

James Helton

Welcome & Announcements

Story for All Ages

Pam Stults

“Our Animal Neighbors” by Matthew Richard and Jason Gruhl

Time of Sharing and Spirit

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

Meditation

Musical Meditation ~ William Walker: *Prospect* “The Lone, Wild Bird”

During the musical meditation you may, if you wish, fill out a Joys & Concerns card and/or light a candle. If you would like to do both, please fill out the card first.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Musical Response #123, “Spirit of Life”

Invitation to Offering ~ *Muncie Animal Care & Services*

Offertory Brandi Carlisle, et al: “Crowded Table”

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Seregow, piano; Ethan Hess, fiddle

Message “Animal Emotions and Us” Rev. Joel Tishken
adapted from “Thoreau, Animals Emotions, and Us” by Rev. J. Carl Gregg

Special Music Eric Whitacre: “Animal Crackers”

Animal Blessing adapted from Revs. Joe Cherry & John Millspaugh

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Song * #175, “We Celebrate the Web of Life”

Extinguishing Chalice & Closing Words



Your coming to church is a service to someone else!

Attendance Sunday, September 27

Sanctuary: 57 / Zoom: 0 (tech issues)

Dedicated Offering: \$988 for Motivate Our Minds
(September collection total)

Upcoming Services at UUCM

October 11th – “Banned Books” Steve Chalk

October 18th – Judson Webb

October 25th – “Is Transylvania Cursed?” Rev. Dr. Joel Tishken

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