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Countryside Church
Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell, Minister

September 20, 2026
What Makes a Good Minister?

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–Order of Worship–

The music played as people gather is intended to settle us into our time of worship.

Gathering Music at 9:55 am *Midsummer Nocturne* by Aaron Copland
Dr. Janice L. Razaq, piano

Welcome & Announcements at 10 am Pat Wydell, Board member

Prelude *Song for a New Beginning* by Rolf Lovland
Charlie Vernon, trombone

Welcome/Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Chalice Lighting Michael Lunter

Covenant We unite to strengthen the bonds of kinship among all persons; to promote human dignity; and to increase reverence for life's creating, sustaining, and transforming power through worship, study, and service

Hymn # 38 *Morning Has Broken*
Words by Eleanor Farjeon, music: Gaelic melody

Message for All Ages *Teacher Commissioning* Dr. Mary Shelden

Singing the Young People Out *Go Your Way in Peace* by Jim Scott
Our young people take the light of our chalice with them to their classes.

Go your way in peace, wander as you may.
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.

Sharing/Offering
Share the Plate: Half of today's undesignated offering will be donated to the Kits for Care Project, which we are sponsoring along with Partners for Our Communities (POC) and Indivisible Barrington. Donations can be made by:

Hymns below #1000 are in grey hymnal Hymns #1000 & above are in teal hymnal

- cash or check in the offering plate (envelopes are available on the hymnal carts); OR
- Use the QR code below or go to https://bit.ly/CCUUgive, create a profile & follow on screen instructions; OR
- text $XX to 844-781-1406, where XX is the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register.

Musical Offering *Grace* by Elizabeth Alexander
Duet: Chaz Ruhl, Alison Vernon

Meditation/Quieting Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Joys and Concerns Ken Sepos, Lay Minister

Reflection Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading *The Perfect UU Minister* by David C. Pohl Michael Lunter

Message *What Makes a Good Minister?* Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell

Anthem *Grace*, words adapted from John Newton
Traditional Celtic Melody, arr.by Mark Hayes

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of its truth,
the warmth of this community, nor the fire of our commitment.
These we carry in our hearts and share with all the world.
~ Elizabeth Selle Jones

Hymn # 354 *We Laugh, We Cry* by UU Shelley Jackson Denham

Benediction Rev. Dr. Farrell

Postlude *Avinu Malkeinu* by Max Janowski Alison Vernon, solo
Sounding of the Shofar Jeff Oremland

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Thank you to:

- Worship Associate: Michael Lunter
- Greeter(s): Barb Perry
- Usher(s): Peggy Simonsen
- Coffee Host: David Williams

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A Welcoming Congregation
Green Sanctuary

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