

# TIDEWATER CLUSTER GATHERING

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 25, 2026 | 9:00 AM SERVICE



***We are committed to being an antiracist, anti-oppressive congregation. We celebrate people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, genders, and sexual orientations. We honor our spiritual connection to the earth and all living things.***

***Before the service: You may place a stone in water for the joys and sorrows in your heart. Please respect those seeking silence.***

## Opening Greeting

### Lighting the Chalice

Rev. Andrew Millard, Minister, UU Fellowship of the Peninsula

*We light this chalice  
for the warmth of love;  
for the light of truth;  
for the energy of action;  
and for the harmony of peace:  
Peace in our hearts,  
peace in our community,  
and peace in our world.*

### Welcoming Words

Rev. Andrew Millard

*Come, come, whoever you are,  
Whomever you love,  
Whatever your image of the Holy,  
Your presence here is a gift.  
All are worthy, all are welcome.*

## **Opening Hymn**

SLT #29 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

## **Wisdom Story**

“The Dot,” with art from Hilda Gomez, Williamsburg UU  
Liz Wiley, Worship Chair, Williamsburg UU

### **Chant**

“We Shall Be Known”

## **Meditation & Prayer**

Rev. Viola Abbitt, Minister, Coastal Virginia UU

### **Chant**

“We Shall Be Known”

## **Sermon**

Rev. Viola Abbitt

## **Closing Hymn**

STJ #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

## **Extinguishing the Chalice**

Rev. Andrew Millard

*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.*

## **Closing Words/Benediction**

## **Recess**

## **Postlude**

Heidi Souza, piano

*SLT=Gray Hymnal | STJ=Teal Hymnal*