

ORDER OF SERVICE

Question of the Day: Who are the women in your life that you admire?

Prelude Meg, Music Coordinator
We are Sisters on a Journey
Words & Music: Marlena Fontenay | Adapted & Third Verse: Barb Weber

Welcome Jeff, Worship Associate

Call to Worship Rev. Kellie, Minister

Chalice Lighting

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn
#1023 Building Bridges
Words: The Women of Greenham Common peace occupation in England
Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out
#414 As We Leave this Friendly Place (Adapted)
Words: Vincent B. Silliman | Composer: J.S. Bach.
*As you leave this friendly place, Love give light to every face,
May the kindness you all learn, Light your hearts ‘til you return.*

Congregational Life Moment Tina, Seminarian

Anthem
Quiet
By: Milck

Sermon Rev. Kellie, Minister
Three Millennia of Violence Against Women

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Invitation to the Offering
50% of today’s collection plate will be donated to: The House of Bread, which serves free, hot, nutritious lunchtime meals to anyone in need, 365 days a year. For more information, visit houseofbread.org.

Offertory Sara, Pianist
Praying
By: Kesha
(Please see Insert)

Joys & Sorrows
#1002 Comfort Me (v. 1-3)
Words & Music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble

Prayer

Closing Hymn
#170 We Are a Gentle Angry People (v. 1-3)
Words & Music: Holly Near | Arranged: Patrick L. Rickey & UUA

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements Meredith, Dir. Of Congregational Life

Sharing the Benediction
Thank you to our Hospitality and Production team members:
Brenda, Char, Dori, Jerry, Kris, Maureen, Maury, Tim

Featured Value: *Justice*

We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression. We support the use of inclusive democratic processes to make decisions within our congregations, our Association, and society at large.

THIS WEEK AT MVUUF

Scan QR code for more on these and other offerings.



Today

LAST DAY TO REGISTER— Small Groups: Join a small group and dive deep into two hours of compassionate, facilitated conversation, once a month. Choose to meet in-person or online. See flier or our website calendar (QR code above) for more info.

CUUPS' Maboon Ritual Join our Pagan group, Chalice of the Willow, to celebrate the harvest with their Maboon Ritual tonight at 6:30 in the Chapel. Potluck to follow.

Wednesday

Sharing Stories Book Group: Join our book group today at 10:30 AM today on zoom to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. Zoom link on our website calendar (QR code above).

Thursday

Third Thursday Talk (TTT) Workshop: As UUs, we place great value on learning from each other. You have expertise no one else does! Prepare to share your expertise with us by attending this workshop today at 7 PM on zoom. See flier for more info.

Saturday

Adult Game Night: What a better way to relax and build community than to play some games together! All are welcome tonight at 7 PM in our Chapel.

Every Week

Women's Group: This small group ministry for women meets at 10 AM, online, every Sunday. Scan QR code for zoom link.

Scripture Study: Explore sacred texts from the world's religions at 3:00 PM (NEW TIME), online, every Sunday. Scan QR code for zoom link.

Three Millennia of Violence Against Women



Sunday, September 20, 2026

Rev. Kellie Kelly

Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (mvuuf.org)

No Youth Group today. Children (K—5th Grade) will be dismissed from service after the Story for All Ages. Pick-up is at 2:15 PM.

Content Warning: The sermon today will mention sexual violence and rape culture. It may not be suitable for children. Discretion is advised.

Praying

By: Kesha

The offertory is one of my most cherished songs. We are performing it as an instrumental because the lyrics are too emotional for me to sing. With love, Meg

Well, you almost had me fooled
Told me that I was nothing without you
Oh, but after everything you've done
I can thank you for how strong I have become

'Cause you brought the flames and you
put me through hell
I had to learn how to fight for myself
And we both know all the truth I could tell
I'll just say this is I wish you farewell

I hope you're somewhere prayin', prayin'
I hope your soul is changin', changin'
I hope you find your peace
Falling on your knees, prayin'

I'm proud of who I am
No more monsters, I can breathe again
And you said that I was done
Well, you were wrong and now the best
is yet to come

'Cause I can make it on my own, oh
And I don't need you, I found a strength
I've never known
I'll bring thunder, I'll bring rain, oh-oh
When I'm finished, they won't even
know your name

You brought the flames and you put
me through hell
I had to learn how to fight for myself
And we both know all the truth I could tell
I'll just say this is I wish you farewell

I hope you're somewhere prayin',
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Oh, sometimes I pray for you at night
Someday, maybe you'll see the light
Oh, some say, in life, you're gonna get
what you give
But some things only God can forgive

I hope you're somewhere prayin',
prayin'
I hope your soul is changin', changin'
I hope you find your peace
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60 Million Survivors Rising

#60MillionSurvivorsRising #JusticeAccountabilityHealing

At a moment of profound impunity, violence, and abuses of power, Sixty Million Survivors Rising is inviting us to come together to disrupt the injustice and demand justice, accountability, healing, and an end to the systems and cultures that enable sexual violence and protect those who perpetrate it. They are kicking off a weekend of Survivors Risings across the country September 25-27.

According to the United Nations and the World Health Organization, 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. That is more than 60 million women in the United States and over ONE BILLION women globally. Transgender, nonbinary, and gender-expansive people face even higher rates of violence, assault, and harassment worldwide. These actions are for every survivor, across every community - and for everyone who loves them.

Sign the statement (Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a signer) + watch and share the video at 60MillionSurvivorsRising.org (scan QR code below).

If you are struggling and would like support, Rev. Kellie will be available after the service for pastoral care (you also may call or text at a later time: [847-804-4614](tel:847-804-4614)).

The Montgomery County Victim / Witness Division provides 24-hour crisis intervention, support, and informational services to those affected by violent crime. The Advocates specialize in cases of sexual assault/abuse and homicide; however, they offer a variety of services to other victims and witnesses as well. The goal of the Division is to help victims and witnesses understand their rights and responsibilities so that they can make intelligent choices about what is best for them. Such intervention can help reconstruct a meaningful and functional life: [937-225-5623](tel:937-225-5623).



60 Million Survivors Rising



MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

WELCOME DINNER

FOR NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS
Meet Members & other New People!

Saturday, October 10, 2026
5:30 PM in the Chapel

We'll provide the food.

RSVP TO LIFE@MVUUF.ORG
THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH



Sign Up!

SMALL
GROUP

SHARING CIRCLE

Conversation | Compassion | Connection

Register
By

Sunday

September

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Dive into deep discussion.
Explore a new spiritual
concept each month.
Scan QR code to register.



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THIRD THURSDAY TALKS WORKSHOP



Prepare to Share your Own Expertise!

Thursday, September 24, 2026
At 07:00PM
On Zoom (scan QR code)

Learn how you
can give your
own talk.