

**Unitarian Universalism** honors the inherent worth of every person and the interdependence of all life. We look to our own experiences, each other's stories, wisdom from all the world's religions, science, art, nature, and many other sources for inspiration and guidance. We celebrate the diversity of people and ideas in our community and welcome the full participation of all, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, class, or physical or mental challenge. We seek to put what we learn together into action to make our world a more just and compassionate place.

**Our Mission:**

*Creating a welcoming, compassionate faith community,  
committed to social justice and open to wonder.*

*Together we strive to:*

- *Foster a spirit of inclusion and connection*
- *Encourage exploration of truth and meaning*
- *Nurture respect for all life and the environment*
- *Live our values in the North Country and in the wider world*

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UU Church of Canton, NY  
Order of Service  
November 21, 2021



*What Really Happened  
at the First Thanksgiving?*  
The Rev. James Galasinski

## Order of Service

**Singing Centering** #402 *From You I Receive*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**History of the Native American Flute**

**Prelude** *Moon Child*

Caron Collins and Carol Zimmerman  
with background accompaniment by Stephen DeRuby

**Chalice Lighting** by Katie Gelfand

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude  
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength  
for one another,

and offer our crop with the hands of compassion  
and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,  
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways  
we nourish and uplift each other,  
for it is the sharing of this hallowed time together  
that sustains us.

**Opening Hymn** #1010 *We Give Thanks*

**Time for All Ages**

**Meditation**

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**SASO** Welcome Home Project presented by Jonel Beauvais

**Offertory** *Birds on the Stream*

Carol Zimmerman and Caron Collins  
with background accompaniment by 24Relax

**Reading** *Who Is Freedom For?* by the Rev. David Schwartz

**Hymn** #148 *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

**Sermon** *What Really Happened at the First Thanksgiving?*  
The Rev. James Galasinski

**Hymn** #128 *For All That Is Our Life*

**Chalice Extinguishing**

Our faith, like a light, illuminates the path before us

So that we can face hurt with love,

Cultivate compassion,

Live humbly in community,

And confront despair with the awe of life.

Though our flame is extinguished,

Our faith shines bright before us.

**Postlude** *Two Flutes, Two Friends*

Caron Collins and Carol Zimmerman  
with background accompaniment by Janalea Hoffman

**Benediction**

**Many thanks to today's worship team:** The Rev. James Galasinski, Robin Collen, Cathy Crosby, Jonel Beauvais, Elias Nelson; Musicians - Betsy Kepes, Caron Collins, Carol Zimmerman