

# How Generous Are We?



September 14, 2025

**Service Leader:** Rev. Thomas Perchlik

**Celebrant:** Chris Rader

Some Christians tithe, Muslims give zakat, Buddhists give dana, but what do we expect from UUs? How generous are we and why? (Also, note Rosh Hashanah).

*Gathering the Community*

**Pre-service Announcement Loop**

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**Gathering Music:** Piao by Julie Smith  
**Welcome:** Chris  
**Announcements**  
**Land Acknowledgement**

## *Affirming Our Connections*

**Congregational Song:** Hymn #360, “Here We Have Gathered” by Alicia Carpenter

**Opening Words:** “Let Us Worship” by Kenneth Patton –edited and read by Rev. Thomas Perchlik

**Chalice Lighting: Unison Words**

*We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude  
To celebrate the abundance of our lives together.  
Together, we harvest bushels of strength and love,  
Gathered with hands of compassion and generosity.*

## *Centering*

**Time For All Ages:** “Last Stop on Market Street” by Matt de La Peña, illustrations by Christian Robinson

**Sharing and Honoring:** Rev. Thomas Perchlik

**Reflective Music:** Hymn # 352, “Find a Stillness,” lyrics by Rev. Carl Seaburg, original tune and lyrics from a Transylvanian hymn

**Silent Meditation or Prayer**

## *Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration*

**Sermon:** “How Generous Are We?” –Reverend Thomas Perchlik

## *Returning to the World*

**Share the Plate: CUUF’s Little Free Pantry**

**Offering:** Chris Rader introduces Rhonnie Craven to speak about this ministry.

**Offertory Music:** “Because I Have Been Given Much” by Phillip Land Grave

**Congregational Singing:** “They Will Know We Are UU” by Peter Scholtes

**Benediction/Prayer:** Rev. Thomas Perchlik

**Chalice Extinguishing: Unison Words**

*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 and embody in our lives,  
Until we are together again.*

**Closing Song:** “Carry the Flame”

**Coffee Hour**

**Send your offering via PayPal!**

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