**Service Order, Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County**

***Note:*** *UUTC is not currently printing formal orders of service. We do provide an informal OOS outline for participants. The following is typical of the order of service elements.*

Prelude—

Welcome & Announcements (often done by the Worship Associate). Announcements to include introduction of guest speaker (or guest speaker may be introduced later in the service).

Introit: (on Sundays when the choir sings)

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting words (can be selected by speaker or by the Worship Associate and read by either)

\*Opening Hymn #

Words of Wisdom for All Ages (This is a story or message especially for children and most often included even if there are no children present. In the summer, there are no children’s religious exploration classes, but the nursery is staffed. When there are children’s classes, the children are “sung out” to attend their classes after Words of Wisdom.)

Reflection, Meditation, or Prayer, incorporating joys and sorrows as given to the Worship Associate or minister or written on notes before services

Offertory: (usually Worship Associate does this when there is a guest speaker)

Offertory Music: (anthem may be performed here, or elsewhere)

Reading: (speaker can choose and read, or choose and have Worship Associate or another person read)

Sermon:

\*Closing Hymn: #

Benediction/Closing Words (we suggest the guest speaker introduce the closing hymn and present closing words; however, the Worship Associate can do these things also)

Postlude—

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*\*We invite guest speakers to request two hymns for their services, and we will work with them on music choices. Considerations will include: permissions to stream the words and music; the congregation’s familiarity with the hymns; other musical needs as determined by UUTC’s music director.*