

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

PRELUDE *Präludium* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING Ruth Levitsky

*COVENANT

As a free fellowship of this historic church,
We unite to lift our hearts and open our minds to a larger reality;
To accept, support, and encourage one another;
To seek the wisdom in all religions;
To cherish and sustain the web of life;
And to strive for justice, compassion, and peace.

*GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

*HYMN #1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Welcoming Emily Scafe, Nathan Scafe, Jason Sharrit, Katie Sharrit, and Dan Volpe

*CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL *As You Go* By John Ruben Piirainen

As you go, may joy surround you,
As you go, go in peace.
Know our love is with you always,
as you go, as you go

(Children are invited to leave for their Spirit Circle programs)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

HYMN #155 *Circle 'Round for Freedom*

READING *Desert Spring* By Victoria Safford

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Ruhig bewegt* Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

*Please Stand as you are able.

"Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, April 13, 2025

SERMON *Wisdom in the Wilderness*

*HYMN #298 *Wake Now My Senses*

OFFERING INVITATION

Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at ufpc.org.

OFFERTORY *Adoration* Florence Price (1866-1953)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

*SUNG BENEDICTION By Patricia Yates and Harold Brown
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Pasticcio* Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Music Director: Norman Corey
Greeter: Albert Vaughn, Jackie Rodriguez
Usher: Bill Westland, Brenda Reed
Livestream: Karl DeBisschop
Social Hour: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller, Leslie Simpson
Flowers arranged by: Pat Artis, Claire Fitzmaurice

Please join us for social hour in the parish hall following the worship service.

Note, on Sunday morning our lower level is for Spirit Circle programs for children. We ask the adults to remain upstairs between 10:45-11:45 am, unless they have a need to use the restrooms.

Childcare is provided.

ABOUT UNITED FIRST PARISH CHURCH (UFPC)

We are a Unitarian Universalist congregation where thoughtful and caring people from many faith backgrounds gather for spiritual growth and learning, to build community, and to live our values of love and compassion in the wider world. Here you will find companions for the journey. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your ideals.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 am in-person and over zoom, followed by an in-person social hour for continued conversation. Children participate in worship and in our Spirit Circle religious education program where they learn about mindfulness, the arts, and caring for the earth.

United First Parish Church has roots in two congregations who merged in 1958: First Parish Church founded in 1639 and Wollaston Unitarian Society founded in 1888. This magnificent building was designed by Alexander Parris; it is the fourth meeting house of the Church and was completed in 1828. John Adams and John Quincy Adams, the second and sixth Presidents of the United States, were life-long members of the Church and are entombed along with their wives First Ladies Abigail Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams in the Church's crypt. The church operates a History and Visitors Program from mid-April to mid-November, giving tours of the Presidential Crypt and our historic sanctuary.

UFPC provides a home for The Prison Book Program, a social justice literacy program in residence. You can learn more about them and their meaningful work at <https://prisonbookprogram.org>.

Elected Leaders: Fiona Sankey (President), Jacqueline Rodriguez (Vice-President), Clyde Cortright (Treasurer), Erwin Schaareman (Assistant Treasurer), Patricia Sullivan (Clerk), Karl DeBisschop (Stewardship), Claire Fitzmaurice (Social Justice Action), Juan Ramos (Communications), Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (Congregational Life), Peter Kovach and Andrew Carleen (Religious Education), Jordan Waterworth (Worship), Ann David Fallon (Committee on Ministry), Sarah Belfort (Nominating Committee)

Staff: Rev. Rebecca Froom (Lead Minister), Rev. Dr. Sheldon Bennett (Minister Emeritus), Elizabeth Foster (Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry), David Bousquin (Office and Property Manager), Norman Corey (Music Director)



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