

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

You are invited to place photographs and mementos on our remembrance altar or “light” a candle in honor of a loved one before the service or during the opening hymn.

PRELUDE *O Gott, du frommer Gott* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING Pat Artis
A House Called Tomorrow by Alberto Ríos

*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 #89 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Elizabeth Foster
The Story of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

*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 *There is a Love* By Rebecca Ann Parker

There is a love holding me
There is a love holding all that I love

*Please Stand as you are able.

“Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, October 27, 2024

There is a love holding all
I rest in this love.

There is a love holding us
There is a love holding all that we love
There is a love holding all
We rest in this love.

READING By Frances Ellen Watkins Harper
Excerpt from *We Are All Bound Up Together*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Souls of the Righteous* T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

SERMON *Listening to Our Ancestors* Rev. Rebecca Froom

*HYMN #112 *Do You Hear*

OFFERING INVITATION

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

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry (1836-1899)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Vorspiel/Nachspiel* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Music Director: Norman Corey
UFPC Choir: Clyde Cortright, Kim Dangora, David Downs, Lee Forest, Becky Rizoli, Nicole Smith, Pat Sullivan, Ann Marie Willer
Greeter: Albert Vaughn
Ushers: Bill Westland, Christine Grundy
Livestream: Jordan Waterworth
Social Hour: Leslie Simpson, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller

Childcare is provided.

Flowers arranged by Claire Fitzmaurice, Pat Artis

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

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.

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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