# *United First Parish Church*

Order of Service

Prelude "Ave Maria" Franz Schubert

Welcome and Opening Words Rev. Rebecca Froom

Chalice Lighting Ann Gillette Parsley

*Covenant G. Fred Shepard

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 G. Fred Shepard

*Hymn #349 "We Gather Together"

Message for All Ages Rev. Rebecca Froom

"The Rules Make the Game" by Laura Bogle

*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 Rev. Rebecca Froom

*You are welcome to fill out a Joys and Sorrows Card before the service, or share a spoken joy or sorrow during service.*

Meditaion and Prayer Rev. Rebecca Froom

Hymn "Infintely Whole" By Alex Fam

We were all born infinitely whole (x4)
We are each of us enough.
We are each of us complete.
We are each of us enough
Just exactly as we are.

*Please Stand as you are able.

# "Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Reading Rev. Rebecca Froom and G. Fred Shepard

"Faithfullness is Nerved by Love" by James Luther Adams and Cynthia Landrum

Musical Interlude "The Prayer" By Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster; arr. Stephen DeCesare

Sermon "Travel a Path Together" Rev. Rebecca Froom

*Hymn "Come, Come Whoever You Are"

Part 1: Come, come whoever you are
wanderers , worshipers, lovers of leaving
Ours is no caravan of despair
Come yet again come

Part 2: Though you've broken your vows a thousand times

Offering Invitation G. Fred Shepard

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

Offertory *Sicilienne* from "Sicilienne and Rigaudon" By Fritz Kreisler

Announcements Rev. Rebecca Froom

Benediction Rev. Rebecca Froom

*Sung Benediction By Patricia Yates and Harold Brown

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons" By Antonio Vivaldi

*You are welcome to stay seated for the postlude or to depart sanctuary.*

*We invite you to join us for social hour following the service.*

Service Participants

Music Director: Sean Glennon
Violin: Jagan-Nath Khalsa
Greeter: Paul Valencius
Ushers: Albert Vaughn, Bill Westland
Livestream Team: Noel Palatas
Social Hour: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller, Leslie Simpson

Childcare is provided.

Flowers: Pat Artis, Claire Fitzmaurice, Kate Hurley, Alicia Woolbert

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 athttps://prisonbookprogram.org.

Elected Leaders: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (President), Jim Petosa (Vice-President), Erwin Schaareman (Treasurer), Ryan Ruel (Clerk), Peter Kovach (Stewardship), Beverly Garcia, Heather Byrnes (Social Justice Action), Patricia Desmond (Communications), Ann Marie and Lee (Congregational Life), Dan Volpe (Religious Education), G. Frederick Shepard (Worship), Donna Ekstrand (Committee on Ministry), Susan Curran (Nominating Committee).

Staff: Rev. Rebecca Froom (Lead Minister), Rev. Dr. Sheldon Bennett (Minister Emeritus), Ann Parsley (Ministerial Intern), Nan Moore (Affiliate Lay Community Minister), Elizabeth Foster (Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry), David Bousquin (Office and Property Manager), Sean Glennon (Director of Music, Linda Singer (Communications Coordinator).

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