

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

PRELUDE *Sunflower* Vampire Weekend

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller

*COVENANT Elizabeth Foster

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 Elizabeth Foster

GATHERING THE FLOWERS Rev. Rebecca Froom
Ann Gillette Parsley

*HYMN #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*HYMN *Joy in the Morning* by Adam Podd

READING Rev. Rebecca Froom
A Bouquet of People by Claire Feingold Thoryn

HYMN *Song of Praise* Tune: Old Hundredth
From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue

JOYS AND SORROWS Ann Gillette Parsley

MEDITATION AND FATHER'S DAY PRAYER Ann Gillette Parsley

HYMN *Meditation on Breathing*
When I breath in, I breathe in peace
When I breathe out, I breathe out love

CHORAL ANTHEM Jonathan Larson
Seasons of Love (from the musical *RENT*)

*Please Stand as you are able.

"Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, June 21, 2026

FAREWELL TO TONY WINTERS

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Elizabeth Foster
Jayden's Impossible Garden by Mélina Mangal

*HYMN # 396 *I Know This Rose Will Open*

OFFERING INVITATION Ann Gillette Parsley
Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at ufpc.org

OFFERTORY *Au Jardin Des Sans-Pourquoi* Josh Groban

FLOWER COMMUNION Rev. Rebecca Froom
AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Back to the Garden* Delta Rae

BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

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

POSTLUDE *Seasons of Love* (reprise) Jonathan Larson

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Acting Director of Music: Tony Winters

UFPC Choir: Clyde Cortright, Kim Dangora, Karl DeBisschop, David Downs,
Lee Forest, Beverly Garcia, Darrick Jackson, Becky Rizzoli, Emily Scafe, Nate
Scafe, G. Fred Shepherd, Josiah Shevlin, Nicole Smith, Pat Sullivan, Loretta
Wiatr, Ann Marie Willer, Melanie Winters

Greeter: G. Fred Shepard

Ushers: Bill Westland, Albert Vaughn

Livestream: Karl DeBisschop

Flowers: Pat Artis, Claire Fitzmaurice, Allegra Taylor, Kate Hurley

Social Hour: Leslie Simpson, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller

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 Parrish; 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.

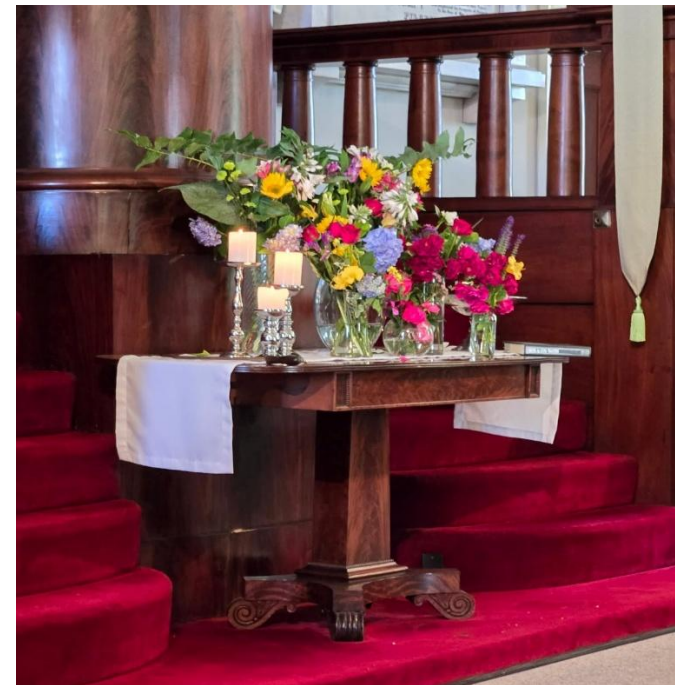
UFPC provides a home for The Prison Book Program, a social justice literacy program in residence. You can learn more about them and their meaningful work at <https://prisonbookprogram.org>.

Elected Leaders: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (President), Jacqueline Rodriguez (Vice-President), Clyde Cortright (Treasurer), Erwin Schaareman (Assistant Treasurer), Ryan Ruel (Clerk), Karl DeBisschop and Peter Kovach (Stewardship), David Downs (Social Justice Action), Patricia Desmond (Communications), Nicole and Israel Smith (Congregational Life), Andrew Carleen (Religious Education), G. Frederick Shepard (Worship), David Fallon (Committee on Ministry), Sarah Belfort (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), Tony Winters (Acting Director of Music), Kendall Doty (Communications Coordinator).



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“Flourishing Like Flowers”

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