



United First Parish Church

Order of Service

“Beyond Perfection”

Sunday, January 24, 2021

PRELUDE *By the Hearth*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Norman Corey, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Rebecca Froom

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

Everyone is invited to light a chalice or candle from wherever you may be.

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.

HYMN #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Words by Rumi/Music Lynn Unger

Performed by Jess Huetteman, Chelsea Sardoni, Morayo Akande

Come, come whoever you are
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving
Ours is no caravan of despair
Come, yet again, come.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES *Beautiful Oops*

By Barney Saltzberg

Read by Ms. Emily from Storytime with Ms. Emily

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca Froom

COVID-19 MEMORIAL BELL RINGING

Video edited by Lee Allison Paczulla

SONG *Be the Light*

By Lea Morris

Inspired by the poem *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman

SERMON *Beyond Perfection*

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HYMN #298 *Wake Now My Senses*

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

OFFERTORY *'Tis a Gift to be Simple*

Jim Petosa, piano

Online donations can be made at <https://ufpc.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebecca Froom

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *Carry the Flame* By Patricia Yates and Harold Brown

Performed by Ruth Levitsky and Carolyn Peterson

Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (sung twice)

VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOUR

Please join us for a virtual social hour after the service. This Sunday we will have the opportunity to meet in small breakout groups to discuss one of the prompts: How have you, or could you, live your life with purpose rather than perfection?

SPECIAL THANKS

UFPC Zoom Worship Team: Joan McDonald, Clyde Cortright, Rev. Rebecca Froom

Music Credits

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