

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

“Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, December 5, 2021

PRELUDE *Nun lob, mein Seel* Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING Kovach family

*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 # 226 *People Look East*
You are invited to sing or hum along.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Peace

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Joan McDonald and Rev. Rebecca Froom
Hannah and the Hanukkah Goblins adapted by Elizabeth Mount from
Heschel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel

*CHILDREN’S BLESSING UNISON READING

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.

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Berceuse* Teresa Carreño (1853-1917)

SERMON *Opening to Joy* Rev. Rebecca Froom

*HYMN # 235 *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*
You are invited to sing or hum along.

OFFERING INVITATION Jim Petosa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE UNISON READING

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

POSTLUDE *Nun jauchzt dem Herren* Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Organ and piano: Norman Corey

Greeter: Sharon Gamache

Ushers: Bill Westland, Jim Petosa

Hospitality: Leslie Simpson

Flowers arranged by the Flower Committee

Livestream Team: Jamie Grassmann, Elizabeth Black, Ed Forer

*Please Stand as you are able.

Childcare is provided.

COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We are committed to creating as safe a space as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are taking the following safety precautions on Sunday mornings:

- Masks or face coverings are required inside. (Service leaders who are vaccinated may remove their masks when speaking from the microphone.) Masks are optional outside.
- Social distancing inside is strongly encouraged. Every-other pew is blocked off, and we ask that you refrain from hugs and handshakes inside.
- We are having congregational singing during the service; we will have a solo singer, who is vaccinated, sing the hymn and you are invited to sing or hum along (with masks on).
- Children's Religious Education will be held in the downstairs dining room.
- During social hour, seating is available in the parish hall and parlor. Please wear your mask except when actively eating. Additionally, seating is available in the sanctuary for folks who wish to socialize in a food-free environment (with masks on).
- We have high-quality air filters in the sanctuary, parish hall, parlor, and downstairs dining room.

Board of Governors: Jim Petosa (President), Juan Ramos (Vice-President), Clyde Cortright (Treasurer), Erwin Schaareman (Assistant Treasurer), April Bargout (Clerk), Kim Dangora (Stewardship), Jamie Grassmann (Worship), Sarah Belfort (Social Justice Action), Elizabeth Black (Communications), Brenda Reed (Congregational Life)

Staff: Rev. Rebecca Froom (Senior Minister), Rev. Dr. Sheldon Bennett (Minister Emeritus), Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh (Affiliate Community Minister), Nan Moore (Affiliate Lay Community Minister), Joan McDonald (Religious Education Director), David Bousquin (Office and Property Manager), Norman Corey (Music Director)



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“Opening to Joy”

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