



United First Parish Church

Order of Service

“Embracing Possibilities”

Sunday, September 12, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

Jagan Nath Khalsa, violin
Hanna Soren, cello

PRELUDE *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne*

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Norman Corey, organ

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. Rebecca Froom

GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

CHALICE LIGHTING

By Hanna Roberts Villnave
Jim Petosa, reader

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.

WATER CEREMONY

Rev. Rebecca, Joan McDonald and Congregation

Please come forward down the center aisle when invited and return to your seats by the side aisle.

Water Ceremony Musical Interlude *Gymnopédie* Erik Satie (1866-1925)

JOYS AND SORROWS

You are invited to write a joy or sorrow beforehand or come forward to the microphone when invited.

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca Froom

MEDITATIVE HYMN #123 *Spirit of Life*
You are invited to hum along.

By Carolyn McDade

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES *Rainstorm*

Joan McDonald

REFLECTION *Witness to the Rain*

Rev. Rebecca Froom

HYMN #298 *Wake Now My Senses* (v.1,3,5)
You are invited to hum along.

OFFERING INVITATION

Jim Petosa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebecca Froom

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

POSTLUDE *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter (1945-)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Greeters and Ushers: Bill Westland, Sharon Gamache, Adrian Smith

Musicians: Norman Corey, organ and piano, Jagan Nath Khalsa, violin, Hannah Soren, cello

Flowers: Claire Fitzmaurice and Pat Artis

Social Hour: Brenda Reed and the Board of Governors

Special Thanks: Kate Hurley, Daphnee Souvenir, Brenda Reed, Claire Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Black, Jim Petosa, David Bousquin