

# United First Parish Church

Order of Service

# “Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, September 19, 2021

PRELUDE *Menuetto* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

CHALICE LIGHTING *Autumn Wind* By Guadalupe Ferrante  
Juan Ramos and Jackie Rodriguez, readers

## \*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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)  
*To A Wild Rose*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES *In My Garden* Joan McDonald  
Written by Charlotte Zolotow and Illustrated by Philip Stead

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

MEDITATIVE HYMN #155 *Circle Round for Freedom*  
*You are invited to hum along.* By Linda Hirschorn  
Beth Cook, vocals

SERMON *The Time of Our Joy* Rev. Rebecca Froom

HYMN #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*You are invited to hum along.*

OFFERING INVITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

UNISON BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  
*Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE *Fuga* Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Ushers: David Bousquin, Bill Westland  
Flowers: Donated by Janine Mudge in memory of her mother, Jane Mudge.  
Livestream: Elizabeth Black  
Special Thanks: David Bousquin, Jamie Grassmann

\*Please Stand as you are able.

Childcare is provided.



# *United First Parish Church*

## Unitarian Universalist

We are a community of thoughtful and caring people who seek to live spiritually powerful lives for a better world. As a Unitarian Universalist congregation, we welcome you wherever you may be in your personal quest for deeper meaning and purpose. Here you will find companions for the journey. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your ideals.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 AM followed by coffee and conversation. Through various small group programs, you may explore your religious questions and deepen your spiritual life. You may join with others to work for social justice and community service. We also provide a home for The Prison Book Program.

Our Religious Education program encourages children to ask their own questions and grow their character. The children learn about world religions, the Bible, the story of this church, and our Unitarian Universalist heritage of religious freedom and rights of conscience. They learn to build a just and caring world. Our youth leaders establish a fun and safe place for high school youth to relate their religious values to their daily lives.

First gathered in 1636 as a branch of First Church in Boston, this congregation was established as an independent church in 1639. 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 Abigail Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams in the Church's crypt.

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*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)



## **“The Time of Our Joy”**

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