

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

“Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, January 9, 2022

PRELUDE Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING

*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 #55 *Dark of Winter*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Joan McDonald

Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL *As You Go* By John Ruben Piirainen

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.

(Children are invited to leave for their Church School programs)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Florence Price (1887-1953)

A Pleasant Thought

SERMON *The Practice of Wintering* Rev. Rebecca Froom

*HYMN #346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

OFFERING INVITATION

Donations can be placed in the offering plates as you exit the sanctuary or online at ufpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE UNISON READING

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

POSTLUDE *Vorspiel; Nachspiel* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Organ and piano: Norman Corey

Ushers: Bill Westland, Daphnee Souvenir

Livestream Team: Jamie Grassmann, Elizabeth Black, Ed Forer

Flowers arranged by Claire Fitzmaurice and Pat Artis

*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 for people to talk (with masks on). Food and beverages are not allowed during the virus surge in the wintertime.
- 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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“The Practice of Wintering”

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