

*United First Parish Church*  
Order of Service

“Church of the Presidents”  
Sunday, December 4, 2022

PRELUDE                              Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)  
*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE                              Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)  
*A Deserted Farm*

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS                              Rev. Rebecca Froom

SERMON    *Practicing Awe*                              Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING

\*HYMN #163    *For the Earth Forever Turning*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

OFFERING INVITATION                              Jim Petosa  
Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at ufpc.org

\*COVENANT

OFFERTORY    *At an Old Trysting Place*    Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

\*GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

\*RECESSIONAL    *Deck the Halls*

\*HYMN #226    *People Look East*

The congregation is invited to recess to the parish hall for social hour and to decorate our Christmas Tree.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE                              McKayla Hoffman

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS  
Music Director: Norman Corey

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES                              Rebecca Froom and McKayla Hoffman  
*Hide and Seek with God* by Mary Ann Moore

Greeter: Brenda Reed

Usher: Bill Westland

\*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 our Church School program)

Flowers: Claire Fitzmaurice, Pat Artis, Ilse Oliveira

Social Hour: Leslie Simpson

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER                              Rev. Rebecca Froom

\*HYMN #18    *What Wondrous Love*

READING    *Imaginary Conversation*                              By Linda Pastan

\*Please Stand as you are able.

Childcare is available.

## 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 encouraged but not required inside of the building. We recommend that everyone assess their own physical and emotional health need to determine how mask wearing best serves them.
- Social distancing is welcome; we encourage people to be intentional and mindful of one another's comfort with distancing.
- Food can be served in the Parish Hall and Dining Room. We encourage food be served in individual packages or in pre-cut portions to minimize any contamination or congestion around the serving table.
- Windows will be open for ventilation when possible. 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 and Karl DeBisschop (Stewardship), Claire Fitzmaurice (Social Justice Action), Elizabeth Black (Communications), Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (Congregational Life), Peter Kovach and Kendra Dupiton (Religious Education)

Staff: Rev. Rebecca Froom (Lead Minister), Rev. Dr. Sheldon Bennett (Minister Emeritus), Nan Moore (Affiliated Lay Community Minister and Director of Family Ministry), McKayla Hoffman (Ministerial Intern), David Bousquin (Office and Property Manager), Norman Corey (Music Director)



# *United First Parish Church* Unitarian Universalist



## **“Practicing Awe”**

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