

# United First Parish Church

Order of Service

# “Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, May 29, 2022

PRELUDE *Kyrie* François Couperin (1668-1733)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Sharon Gamache

CHALICE LIGHTING Sarah Belfort, reader  
*I Too* by Langston Hughes

## \*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 #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Claire Fitzmaurice  
*Ayanna Najuma - I Have a Voice*

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)

## JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Sharon Gamache

\*HYMN #1009 *Meditation on Breathing* By Sarah Dan Jones  
When I breathe in, I’ll breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out, I’ll breathe out love.

REFLECTION Claire Fitzmaurice

READING *The Hill We Climb* By Amanda Gorman

\*Please Stand as you are able.

\*HYMN #108 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

1. My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

2. What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

3. When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,  
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!  
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;  
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

REFLECTION Mimi Balsamo

REFLECTION Shiv Singh

\*SONG *We Shall be Known* By MaMuse  
Performed by the “We Thrive” Choir of UU the Vote

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

(Chorus) It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
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We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth  
(Chorus)

OFFERING INVITATION

Sharon Gamache

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OFFERTORY *Prelude*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BENEDICTION #694

Bonnie Gorman, reader  
Words by Frederick E. Gillis

\*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE UNISON READING

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

POSTLUDE *Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Music Director: Norman Corey

Worship Associate: Sharon Gamache

Greeter: Sarah Belfort

Usher: Bill Westland

Virtual Usher: Fiona Sankey

Livestream: Ed Forer, Jordan Waterworth

Flowers and Visual Arts: Claire Fitzmaurice

Social Hour: Leslie Simpson

Special Thanks: John Fitzmaurice, Salvatore Balsamo, David Bousquin, Rev. Rebecca Froom. All of the participants of Quincy Standout for Black Lives

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