

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

PRELUDE *Werde munter, mein Gemüte* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING Special Guest

*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 # 361 *Enter, Rejoice, And Come In*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Special Guest

*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 Spirit Circle program)

JOYS AND SORROWS Rev. Rebecca Froom

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Special Guest

REFLECTIVE HYMN *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.

READING Special Guest

Prayer Ballot by Luke Stevens-Royer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

Told at Sunset

*Please Stand as you are able.

"Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, March 19, 2023

SERMON *What's in a Vote?* Special Guest

*HYMN #318 *We Would Be One*

OFFERING INVITATION Rev. Rebecca Froom

Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at ufpc.org

OFFERTORY *Air* Florence Price (1887-1953)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION Special Guest

*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE By Patricia Yates and Harold Brown
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Nun jauchzt dem Herren* Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Music Director: Norman Corey

Greeter: Jackie Rodriguez

Ushers: Bill Westland, Albert Vaughn

Livestream: Jordan Waterworth, Elizabeth Black

Hospitality: Leslie Simpson

Flowers: Claire Fitzmaurice, Pat Artis, Ilse Oliveira

Childcare is available.

ABOUT UNITED FIRST PARISH CHURCH (UFPC)

We are a Unitarian Universalist congregation where thoughtful and caring people from many faith backgrounds gather for spiritual growth and learning, to build community, and to live our values of love and compassion in the wider world. Here you will find companions for the journey. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your ideals.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 AM in-person and over zoom, followed by an in-person social hour for continued conversation. Children participate in worship and in our Spirit Circle religious education program where they learn about mindfulness, the arts, and caring for the earth.

United First Parish Church has roots in two congregations who merged in 1958: First Parish Church founded in 1639 and Wollaston Unitarian Society founded in 1888. 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 First Ladies Abigail Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams in the Church's crypt. The church operates a History and Visitors Program from mid-April to mid-November, giving tours of the Presidential Crypt and our historic sanctuary.

UFPC provides a home for The Prison Book Program, a social justice literacy program in residence. You can learn more about them and their meaningful work at <https://prisonbookprogram.org>.

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)



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“What’s in a Vote?”

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