

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

PRELUDE *Tiento del Quinto Tono* Antonio de Cabezón (1510-1566)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS McKayla Hoffman

CHALICE LIGHTING Mahmooda Qureshi

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson (1933-)

BLESSING OF THE MINISTRY OF MCKAYLA HOFFMAN

*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

MEDITATION Performed by Buffy St. Marie, Written by Leonard Cohen
God is Alive, Magic is Afoot

SERMON *Leaves from the Vine* McKayla Hoffman

*HYMN # 126 *Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

OFFERING INVITATION Clyde Cortright
Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at
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*Please Stand as you are able.

"Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, May 21, 2023

OFFERTORY *To a Water-lily* Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION McKayla Hoffman

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

POSTLUDE *Falsas del Sexto Tono* Sebastián de Heredia (1561-1627)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Music Director: Norman Corey

Choir: Clyde Cortright, Kim Dangora, Jane Lyu, Pat Sullivan

Usher: Bill Westland,

Livestream: Jordan Waterworth, Jamie Grassmann

Hospitality: Leslie Simpson

Flowers donated by Shirley Willett in memory of her father and mother, Carl and Etta Willett, her brothers, Gordon and Donald Willett arranged by Claire Fitzmaurice.

Note, on Sunday morning our lower level is for Spirit Circle programs for children. We ask the adults to remain upstairs between 10:15-11:45 am, unless they have a need to use the bathrooms.

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>.

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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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