

# United First Parish Church

Order of Service

# “Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, March 31, 2024

PRELUDE *Nocturno* Franz Strauss (1822-1905)

When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Shiloh Hoffman

READINGS FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Mathew 26: 31-35, Peter's Denial Foretold

Mathew 26: 69-75, Peter's Denial of Jesus

Mathew 28: 1-10, The Resurrection of Jesus

CHORAL INTROIT *Easter Carol* arr. Martin Shaw

CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHORAL ANTHEM *Alleluia* William Billings (1746-1800)

\*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.

SERMON *He is Risen* Rev. Rebecca Froom

\*HYMN #268 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

OFFERING INVITATION

Shiloh Hoffman

Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at [www.ufpc.org](http://www.ufpc.org).

\*GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Shiloh Hoffaman  
*Petook: An Easter Story* by Tomie dePaola, adapted

OFFERTORY *The Swan* Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*EASTER SONG By Olga Popova  
(Children are invited to leave for their Spirit Circle programs in an Easter parade!)

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

What a beautiful cheerful morning,  
Celebration of love and light!  
Look how it shines, the greatest moment happens tonight!  
Let's celebrate this magnificent morning!  
Easter eggs we'll find all big and small  
Singing our song excited for this special holy day we've been waiting for  
When all together we start celebrating  
It will get us through difficult times,  
Thankful and grateful for this moment, this day  
Easter eggs, decorations, lights!

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

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

POSTLUDE *Romance* Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

\*REFLECTIVE HYMN *Meditation on Breathing* By Sarah Dan Jones  
When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Organ and piano: Norman Corey

Horn: David Rufino

UFPC Choir: UFPC Choir: Clyde Cortright, Kim Dangora, David Downs, Lee Forest, Becky Rizoli, Nicole Smith, Pat Sullivan, Ann Marie Willer

Greeters: Adrian Smith, Sharon Gamache

Ushers: Sarah Belfort, Christine Grundy

Social Hour: Leslie Simpson, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller

Livestream: Karl DeBisschop, Jordan Waterworth

Flowers: The flowering plants are a gift in celebration of Easter Sunday by an anonymous donor who hopes that members and friends will take them home to enjoy.

\*Please Stand as you are able.

Childcare is provided.

Note, on Sunday morning our lower level is for Spirit Circle programs for children. We ask the adults to remain upstairs between 10:45-11:45 am, unless they have a need to use the bathrooms. Please join us for social hour in the parish hall following the worship service.

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>.

Elected Leaders: Fiona Sankey (President), Jacqueline Rodriguez (Vice-President), Clyde Cortright (Treasurer), Erwin Schaareman (Assistant Treasurer), Patricia Sullivan (Clerk), Karl DeBisschop (Stewardship), Claire Fitzmaurice (Social Justice Action), Jamie Grassmann (Communications), Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (Congregational Life), Peter Kovach and Andrew Carleen (Religious Education), Ann Marie Willer (Committee on Ministry), Patricia Sullivan (Nominating Committee)

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



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