

United First Parish Church

Order of Service

“Church of the Presidents”

Sunday, April 21, 2024

PRELUDE Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland

Spring’s new beginning will lead to the harvest
Love will guide us on our way

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Rebecca Froom

REFLECTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

CHALICE LIGHTING *Between Darkness and Light* Nan Moore
By Manal Hreib
Translation by Daphna Rosenberg

SHARING TOGETHER
How have you been caring for the earth this season?
How is caring for the earth meaningful to you?

*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.

SEEDLING MOVEMENT MEDITATION

REFLECTION Rev. Rebecca Froom

PLANTING SEED OF LOVE AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE
Between Darkness and Light by Daphna Rosenberg

*GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

OFFERING INVITATION Shiloh Hoffman
Donations can be placed in the offering plates or can be made online at
www.ufpc.org.

*HYMN #1066 *O Brother Sun*

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky(1840-1893)
Olga Popova, piano

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Rebecca Froom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

*BENEDICTION

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES *Nothing is a Waste* Shiloh Hoffman
By Nan Moore, adapted

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

*HYMN #131 Love Will Guide Us (v. 1-2 in hymnal)
v.3 You are like no other being
What you can give, no other can give
To the future of our precious children
To the future of the world where we live

v. 4 Hear the song of peace within you
Heed the song of peace in your heart

POSTLUDE *Allein Gott in der Höh* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS
Organ and piano: Norman Corey
Olga Popova, piano
Between Darkness and Light music by Daphna Rosenberg; Hebrew and Arabic
words by Manal Hreib; English translation by Daphna Rosenberg; Russian and
Ukrainian translation by Oksana Druchynin
Greeters: David Downs, Chris Jackson
Ushers: Christine Grundy

*Please Stand as you are able.

Childcare is provided.

Social Hour: Leslie Simpson, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller
Livestream: Karl DeBisschop
Flowers: In celebration of a Remembrance Birthday, Patrick Francis Carey
by Peter A. Carey.

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.

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.

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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“Seeds of Love”

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