United First Parish Church

Order of Service

Prelude "Grant Them Eternal Rest" By Owen Alstott

Welcome and Opening Words Rev. Rebecca Froom

Chalice Lighting Carleen Family: Andrew, Eamon, and Fintan

*Covenant Rev. Rebecca Froom

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 Rev. Rebecca Froom

*Hymn #311 "Let it be a Dance"

Message for All Ages Elizabeth Foster

"Dance Together, Spin Apart" by Molly Housh Gordon

*Hymn #1051 "We Are…"

Reflection "The Circle of Life and Death" Elizabeth Foster, M. Div.

Reading Rev. Rebecca Froom and Elizabeth Foster

"This Sacred Thread" by Heather Janules

Remembrance Stations and Musical Interlude

During the Musical Interlude you are invited to the front of the sanctuary to participate in our remembrance activities; some activities can be done in the pews.

*Hymn "There is a Love" Rebecca Parker

v. 1 There is a love holding me
There is a love holding all that I love
There is a love holding all
I rest in this love
v. 2 There is a love holding us …

*Please Stand as you are able.

"Church of the Presidents"

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Prayers of Remembrance Rev. Rebecca Froom

Responsive Reading "We Remember Them" By Roland B. Gittelsohn

Congregational Response: We Remember Them

Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rebecca Froom

You are welcome to fill out a Joys and Sorrows Card before the service, or share a spoken joy or sorrow during service..

Meditation and Prayer Rev. Rebecca Froom

Hymn #6 "Just As Long As I have Breath"

Offering Invitation Dan Volpe

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

Offertory "We Remember" By Marty Haugen

Announcements Rev. Rebecca Froom

Benediction Elizabeth Foster

*Sung Benediction By Patricia Yates and Harold Brown

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

Postlude By J. Rankin and W. Tomer

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

We invite you to join us for social hour following the service.

Service Participants
Director of Music: Sean Glennon
Greeters: Paul Valencius
Ushers: Bill Westland, Marilyn Valencius
Livestream Team: Karl DeBisschop, Noel Palatas
Social Hour: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller, Leslie Simpson
Flowers: Pat Artis, Claire Fitzmaurice, Kate Hurley, Alicia Woolbert
Special Thanks: Claire Fitzmaurice, G. Fred Shepard

Childcare is provided.

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 athttps://prisonbookprogram.org.

Elected Leaders: Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller (President), Jim Petosa (Vice-President), Erwin Schaareman (Treasurer), Ryan Ruel (Clerk), Peter Kovach (Stewardship), Beverly Garcia, Heather Byrnes (Social Justice Action), Patricia Desmond (Communications), Ann Marie and Lee (Congregational Life), Dan Volpe (Religious Education), G. Frederick Shepard (Worship), Donna Ekstrand (Committee on Ministry), Susan Curran (Nominating Committee).

Staff: Rev. Rebecca Froom (Lead Minister), Rev. Dr. Sheldon Bennett (Minister Emeritus), Ann Parsley (Ministerial Intern), Nan Moore (Affiliate Lay Community Minister), Elizabeth Foster (Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry), David Bousquin (Office and Property Manager), Sean Glennon (Director of Music, Linda Singer (Communications Coordinator).

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