

Order of Service

Sunday, March 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements** Helen Foss, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *How Can I Keep from Singing* Choir

Call to Worship “Waving the Palms” Rev. David Rankin

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn of the Month** #60 *In Time of Silver Rain*

***Unison Affirmation**

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington we seek to embody: love and compassion; growth and discovery; freedom and justice; wonder and joy.

Musical Response

Tale for All Ages Rev. Kathie Davis Thomas

Departing Blessing *(sing through twice)*

For you shall go out in joy, for you shall go out in joy,
and come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.

Prayer / Meditation Helen Foss, Worship Associate

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation *Five Stones Hallelujah,*
words by R. Ruchotzke & K. McGowen
(please join singing in the chorus, see insert)

Reading an excerpt from “Unitarians Believe,” by Frederic May Eliot

***Hymn** #262 *Hosanna in the Highest*

Sermon “The Fifth Smooth Stone: Ultimate Optimism”
Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

***Hymn** #146 *Soon the Day Will Arrive*

Stewardship Moment Helen Foss, Worship Associate

Congregation in unison: *To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

Offertory *Like as the Heart,* by H. Howells Choir

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Improv. on “*Soon the Day*”

* *Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.*
+ *Ushers welcome late-comers into the service at this time.*

Flower dedication to celebrate Deb & Greg Griffin’s 45th Wedding Anniversary



Pastoral Care Needs:

If you are experiencing an illness or hospitalization, struggling with a loss, facing changes and stresses in life, or just need somebody to listen, the Pastoral Care team is here for you. Contact Dale Megill, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DaleM@firstuuwilm.org

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Kathi Weiss
GREETERS:	Marilyn Hyte, Debbi Zarek, Cathy Cambridge & Ed Keeling
USHERS:	Lew & Mary Collat, Letty Diswood, Greg Griffin
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Dale Megill
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
WELCOME TABLE:	Sandy Shipman, Wendy McMullen
NEWCOMERS	Marge Stitz
ROOM:	
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
BOOK CORNER:	Sylvia Tarzanin
CHILDREN & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:	Maisie Donohue, Ethan Hann-Deschaine, Mitch Weiss, Lauren Lineback, Sarah Shahan, Liz Marek, Dave Donohue, Cindy Cohen, Jason Hann-Deschaine, Edris Harrell

OUR MISSION:

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.

OUR ENDS:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, people of all ages:
 Feel safe, accepted, and loved – and empowered to be our authentic selves.
 Gain new perspectives and grow as informed, spiritual human beings.
 Act on our shared values and UU identity to fight for a more just world.
 Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.

First Unitarian Church

A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary
 Sunday, March 25, 2018

The Fifth Smooth Stone: An Attitude of Ultimate Optimism



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