

# Order of Service

Sunday, April 8, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Passing the Peace**

**Ringing the Gong**

**Prelude** *If Every Woman in the World*, by K. McKay      Choir

**Call to Worship** “Committed to Respond,” by Lynn Harrison

**Chalice Lighting**

\***Hymn of the Month**      #1036 *Calypso Alleluia*

\***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. Roberta Finkelstein

**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**      Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Shared Silence**

**Prayers of the People**

**Musical Meditation**      *Hear Me*, by J. Hornbeck      Choir

**First Reading**      excerpt from the *Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Annual Report 2017*, by Lyssa Jenkins

**First Reflection** “Nevertheless They Persisted: Feminists in Nicaragua”  
Beverley Baxter

\***Hymn**      #170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People (Versus 1, 2, & 6)*

**Reading** “Cooperatives: A Different Way Forward,” by Phillip Hamilton

**Second Reflection** “Nevertheless They Persisted: Saving the Earth and Its People in Nicaragua”      Doyle Dobbins

\***Hymn**      #121 *We Build a Land*

**Stewardship Moment**      Beverley Baxter & Doyle Dobbins

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**      “The Journey is our Home,” by A.Pote

**Benediction**      from “Prayer for Living in Tension” by Joe Cherry

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude**      *Nocturne in E Flat Op.9 no.2*

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

**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 Nancy Ball or Deb Griffin, the Pastoral Care Associates for the month, at NancyB@firstuuwilm.org [or DebG@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:DebG@firstuuwilm.org)

**Thank you to all our volunteers!**

<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	Carolyn Gibson
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Lynn & Bob Ingersoll, Jennifer Fazekas
<b>USHERS:</b>	J Harry & Jackie Feldman, Debra Haskell, Pat McGee
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Richard Speck
<b>PASTORAL CARE:</b>	Nancy Ball & Deb Griffin
<b>FIRST U LIBRARY:</b>	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
<b>CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:</b>	Amy Barch, Maisie Donohue, Mitch Weiss, , Ethan Hann-Deschaine, Lauren Lineback, Sarah Shahan, Jon Claney, Dave Donohue, Jackson Salasky, Cindy Cohen
<b>WELCOME TABLE:</b>	Barbara Marrs & Dale Megill
<b>NEWCOMERS ROOM:</b>	Becky Laster
<b>AV TEAM:</b>	Jon Claney & Jim Davis
<b>BOOK CORNER:</b>	Bev Bach
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
<b>UUSC:</b>	Justice Sunday Collection

**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.

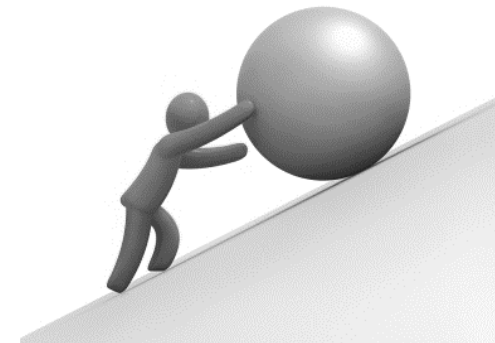
**OUR ENDS:**

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, April 8, 2018

***Nevertheless They Persisted***



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