

# Order of Service

Sunday, May 6, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+**Welcome and Announcements** Edris Harrell, Worship Associate

**Passing the Peace**

**Ring the Gong**

**Prelude** *Trumpet Voluntary*, by J. Clarke

**Call to Worship**

**Chalice Lighting** from “The Case for Hope”, by Rebecca Solnit E. Harrell

\***Hymn of the Month** #1019 *Everything Possible*

\***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 Interlude**

**Tale for All Ages** “Clowning for Joy in Haiti”, by Sara Foster  
Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

**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**

**Shared Silence**

**Prayers of the People**

**Musical Meditation** *Sakura, arr. Spevak* Choir

**Reading** from “The Case for Hope”, by Rebecca Solnit Rev. Ladd

\***Hymn** #95 *There is More Love*

**Sermon** “Hope is the Match” Rev. Ladd

\***Hymn** #123 *Spirit of Life*

**Stewardship Moment** E. Harrell

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** *Cantique de Jean Racine*, by G. Faure Choir

**Benediction**

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude** *Song Without Words*, by G. Faure

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

*Today's flowers are in loving memory of Richard Stratton from his wife, Dale. The artful arrangement was done by Suzy Cornell.*  
*Thanks, Dale*

**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 Dottie Ashcraft, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at [DottieA@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:DottieA@firstuuwilm.org)

***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	Mary Jo Metz
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Pam & Keith Weiss, Kathie Stamm, Maggie Duffy
<b>USHERS:</b>	Karen Berrie, Greg Griffin, Marty Peres, Lucy Rabe
<b>SONG LEADER:</b>	Richard Speck
<b>PASTORAL CARE:</b>	Dottie Ashcraft
<b>FIRST U LIBRARY:</b>	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
<b>CHILDRENS RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:</b>	Amy Barch, Grace Laster, Noah Hann-Deschaine, Amy Gunderson, Lauren Lineback, Liz Marek, Joel Pust, Kyle Williamson
<b>WELCOME TABLE:</b>	Richard & Joan Carter
<b>NEWCOMERS ROOM:</b>	Richard Speck
<b>AV TEAM:</b>	Jon Claney & Jim Davis
<b>BOOK CORNER:</b>	Eloise Peres
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Choir
<b>INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS:</b>	Backpacks

**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, May 6, 2018

***Hope is the Match***

Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

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