

Order of Service

Sunday, March 29, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Sinfonia, Versus II & Versus VII* from BWV 4 by J. S. Bach

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

***Invocation** by Richard S. Gilbert Rev. Michelle Collins

***Passing the Peace**

♦Welcome and Announcements

Centering *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*
(Please remain seated and sing through once.)
When our heart is in a holy place
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace
When our heart is in a holy place

Lighting the Chalice by David J. Miller Rev. Collins

Unison Affirmation

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.
The search for truth is our constant star.
We pledge our hearts, minds and hands:
To challenge injustice with courage;
To find hope in times of fear;
And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values every day
as a beloved community.
Thus do we covenant with each other and with all that is sacred in life.

Response *Versus I* from BWV 4 by J. S. Bach

Child Dedication for Asher Oswald (see insert) Rev. Collins

♦Departing Blessing *For You Shall Go Out* – by T. Benjamin
The song will be sung 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.

Meditation & Prayer by Jerry Martien Rev. Collins

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *Versus VI* from BWV 4 by J. S. Bach

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

Offertory *Versus IV* from BWV 4 by J. S. Bach

Story *Making Room* by Christine Pohl Rev. Dr. Snyder

Interlude *Versus III* from BWV 4 by J. S. Bach J. Weddell

Sermon *The Welcome Table* Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

***Closing Hymn** #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Snyder

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *In Dir ist Freude BWV 615* by J. S. Bach M. Love

(Please be seated through the end of the Postlude)

Cantata BWV 4 *Christ lag in Todesbanden* is a traditional Good Friday Cantata. Our choristers this morning are Lori Weddell, Miriam Priest-Benedict, Jan Say, Shirley Peters, Jim Weddell, Tom Jenkins, John Priest. Instrumentalists Donna Strantham, violin and organist Margaret Love. Margaret served as Music Director for First Unitarian Church for eleven years, it is a joy to have her back playing the organ she helped design.

* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

♦ Ushers will welcome late-comers into the service at this time.

Listening & Caring: The Pastoral Care Team is here for you! If you are struggling, facing unusual stresses or changes in your life, experiencing illness or a hospitalization, struggling with a recent loss, or just need someone who can listen, there is someone here for you. Please contact Assistant Minister Rev. Michelle Collins or any member of the Pastoral Care Team, as identified by the red name tag or the hearts with ears buttons.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Peggy Rawheiser
GREETERS: Mary Jane Simmons, Suzanne Perry, Paul McGhee,
Jen Hann-Deschaine
USHERS: Bob Wynn, Chuck Miller, Linda Sanders,
Donna González
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the RE Wing
CYRE TEAM REP: Wendy Gladfleter

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Barbara Marrs **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
HOSPITALITY: Connection Circles **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud
SOCIAL ACTION: Ministry of Compassionate Action
AUCTION: Auction Team
BUILDING & GROUNDS: Donna González

First U's Values, Mission and Ends

OUR VALUES:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, we work to embody: Love and Compassion, Growth and Discovery, Freedom and Justice, Wonder and Joy.

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.

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The Welcome Table

Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder



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