

Order of Service

Sunday, April 27, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Video created by Body Mind Power Music

***Processional Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***Invocation** Catherine Williamson

***Passing the Peace**

◆Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Chalice C. Williamson

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 Elise Harrell, soloist
One World, words and music by Scott Ward

Our Earth's Alphabet Rev. Michelle Collins

***Hymn** *Blue Boat Home*

Beginning at Home Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder
Local images from Google Earth; earth images courtesy of NASA

***Hymn** *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Meditation and Prayer by John Ruskin Rev. Dr. Snyder

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation Ned & Jake Gladfelter
All of Me by John Stephens and Toby Gad

Blue Green Hills of Earth Rev. Collins and C. Williamson
The Known Universe, created by the American Museum of Natural History

Recycling Offering Rev. Collins

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Dr. Snyder

◆Offertory *What a Wonderful World* by B. Thiele Chamber Choir

Meditation on Wonder C. Williamson

***Chant** *The Earth is Our Mother*

***Benediction** from *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman C. Williamson

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *We Are All Connected* created by John D. Boswell
for Symphony of Science

(Please be seated through the end of the Postlude)

Greeting One Another – *Turn and greet your neighbor with radical hospitality!*

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

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

This service was written by Erika Hewitt.

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 tags or fill out a purple pew card.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Mary Jo Metz
GREETERS: Mary Pat & Bill Bowman, Chela Metzger, June Peterson
USHERS: Diane Wills, Lew & Mary Collat, Letty Diswood
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the RE Wing
CYRE TEAM REP: Holly Feldheim

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Loretta Knight **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOK CORNER: Sylvia Tarzanin
HOSPITALITY: Green Sanctuary & Stewardship Team
SOCIAL ACTION: Ministry of Compassionate Action

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 Unitarian Universalist identity to fight for a more just world.
Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.



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Blue Green Hills of Earth Earth Day Intergenerational Service



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