

# Order of Service

Sunday, May 17, 2015

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

Scott Ward

\***Processional Hymn** #358 Rank by Rank

## \*Invocation

Jim Curtis

## \*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

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We are blessed with love and amazing grace

When our heart is in a holy place

## Lighting the Chalice

J. Curtis

## 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** *If I Had a Hammer* by Seeger/arr. R. DeCormier

Choir

## New Member Recognition

See Insert

◆**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

*Patience and Silence*

J. Curtis

by Charles Gaines

## Silence

## Prayers for the People

## Music for Meditation

*God Bless You and Keep You*

by J. Rutter

The Women of the choir

## Stewardship Reflection

Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

## Offertory

*Now I Walk in Beauty* arr. G. Smith

Choir

## Story

*The Secret of Happiness and Compassion*

by Jeremy Sherman

Rev. Dr. Snyder

## \*Hymn

#1009 Meditation on Breathing

## Sermon

***Better Living Through Lower Expectations***

Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

## \*Closing Hymn

#121 We'll Build a Land

## \*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Snyder

## Extinguishing the Chalice

## Postlude

*Great Day!* arr. D. Schelat

S. Ward

***(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 morning's Postlude is written by David Schelat, Minister of Music for First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE.

**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!***

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**GREETERS:** Pam and Keith Weiss, Burley and Helga Melton  
**USHERS:** Donna Gonzalez, Janet Hall, Bill and Joan Flack  
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***In the Parish Hall:***

**WELCOME TABLE:** Sandy Shipman      **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek  
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**BOOSTER CARDS:** Barbara Perry      **BOOK CORNER:** Lisa Jacobs  
**SOCIAL ACTION:** ILYA Backpacks  
**GREEN SANCTUARY:** Clean Water Delaware  
**MEMORY PAGES:** Rev. Josh and Rev. Michelle Farewell Memory Books

**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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Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder



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