

Order of Service

Sunday, June 22, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Send in the Clowns (A Little Night Music)* Scott Ward

***Opening Hymn** #1007 *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

***Invocation** by James C. Brewer 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 M. Maureen Killoran 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 *Anyone Can Whistle (Anyone Can Whistle)* S. Ward

Meditation and Prayer by Arthur Graham Rev. Collins

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *Not While I'm Around (Sweeny Todd)* S. Ward

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Collins

◆Offertory *Losing My Mind (Follies)* S. Ward

Story *The 50-Percent Theory of Life* by Steve Porter Rev. Collins

***Hymn** #1017 *When I Am Frightened*

Sermon ***Journeys of Unraveling*** Rev. Michelle Collins

***Closing Hymn** #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

***Benediction** Rev. Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Being Alive (Company!)* 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 we celebrate the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim. Stephen Joshua Sondheim (March 22, 1930) is an American composer and lyricist known for his immense contributions to musical theatre for over 50 years. He is the winner of an Academy Award, eight Tony Awards (more than any other composer) including the Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre, eight Grammy Awards, a Pulitzer Prize and the Laurence Olivier Award. He is described by Frank Rich of the *New York Times* as “now the greatest and perhaps best-known artist in the American musical theater.”

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.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Barbara Marrs
GREETERS: Janet Jones, Chela Metzger, Suzanne Perry
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

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Kathi Weiss
BOOSTER CARDS: Maggie Duffy
SOCIAL ACTION: Ministry of Compassionate Action
UUSC COFFEE: Steve Marek
AV TEAM: Jon Claney

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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