

Order of Service

Sunday, August 17, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Bill Miller

***Processional Hymn** #358 *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*

***Invocation** Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

***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 Rev. Dr. Snyder

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 *Rondeau* by H. Purcell de Blokfluiters

Meditation and Prayer Rev. Dr. Snyder
Transcending Boundaries by Yvonne Seon

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *Amazing Grace* de Blokfluiters

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Dr. Snyder

◆Offertory *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* by J. Berger Bill Miller, piano

Story *John Murray's Voyage to America* Rev. Dr. Snyder

***Hymn** #187 *It Sounds Along the Ages*

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder
John Murray: Father of American Universalism

***Closing Hymn** #213 *There's a Wideness in Your Mercy*

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Snyder

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Prelude No. VI* by J. S. Bach de Blokfluiters
(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.

The Blokfluiters are a break-off group from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Recorder Class. Most members learned 'recorder as a second or third instrument' at the age of 60 or better. Formed in 2007, they explore the repertoire written for the recorder— a vertical, end-blown flute popular from the Medieval through the Baroque periods and appreciated for its sweet tones. The Blokfluiters gather to hone their ensemble playing skills, to share the instrument with others through performances, and to experience the pure joy of making music together.

Bill Miller was a part-time church musician (and active in Delaware Valley organ circles) for over 40 years before retiring four years ago. Since then he has been active as a substitute in the Norfolk, VA Beach area. He and his wife retired back to Philadelphia early this year after 11 happy years in Norfolk.

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.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Mary Jo Metz
GREETERS: Dale Stratton, Dee Burdash, Mary Jane Simmons
USHERS: Sydney Robertson, Janet Hall, Bill & Joan Flack
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: Sandy Shipman
BOOSTER CARDS: Barbara Perry
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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