

Order of Service

Sunday, September 7, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Medley of favorite hymns chosen by the Choir

***Processional Hymn** #360 *Here We Have Gathered*

***Invocation** by Joan Montagnes 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 Jay Atkinson 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 Alexander Weir

Time for All Ages Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

Meditation and Prayer *Balloon* by Andrew E. Schwartz Rev. Collins

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *Immortal Love* by E. Alexander Choir

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Dr. Snyder

◆Offertory *The Storm is Passing Over* by C. A. Tindley Choir

Story Catherine Williamson
My Time in the Maricopa County Jail by Susan Fredrick-Grey

***Hymn** #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Sermon *Reaching Out In Love* Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

***Closing Hymn** #1014 *Standing on the Side of Love*

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Snyder

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Alexander Weir

(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.*



We welcome back Alexander Weir. Alex recently returned from competition in Ireland, where he placed 3rd in slow airs, and his trio placed 3rd, as well. Out of 174 different music and dance competitions, and 518 place winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd), only 11 were American. Alex was one of them, and of course, two of the 11 were Alex's' trio mates!

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: Jean Kennedy
GREETERS: Lynn & Bob Ingersoll, Dale Stratton, Richard Speck
USHERS: Lucy Rabe, Judy Govatos, Martin Peres, Margaret Sheridan
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the RE Wing
WELCOME TABLE: Kathi Weiss
BOOSTER CARDS: Bill Hardham
AV TEAM: Jon Claney and Nancy Pinson
SOCIAL ACTION: Independent Living for Young Adults
ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION: All Church Retreat Team

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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Reaching Out In Love

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