

Order of Service

Sunday, September 15, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Scott Ward

***Processional Hymn** #215 *Praise to the Living God*

***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 S. Ward

Time for All Ages Rev. Michelle Collins & Maisie Donohue
The Announcing Tool by Marc Gellman

◆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 Rev. Dr. Snyder & Rev. Collins
Inspired by a Yom Kippur Tradition
“We forgive ourselves and each other. We begin again in love.”

Silence

Prayers for the People Rev. Dr. Snyder

Music for Meditation *Oseh Shalom* by B. Steinberg Chamber Choir

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Collins

◆Offertory *Hashiveniu* by J. Leavitt Chamber Choir

Story *Hard Looks* by Bruce T. Marshall Rev. Collins

***Hymn** #83 *Winds Be Still*

Sermon *Invisible Courage* Rev. Michelle Collins

***Closing Hymn** #89 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

***Benediction** Rev. Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Haleluhu* trad. Hebrew 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.

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: Rita McWhorter
GREETERS: Maggie Duffy, Dee Burdash, Barbara Perry, Jen Hann-Deschaine
USHERS: Janet Hall, Alan Knight, Bill & Joan Flack
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the RE Wing
CYRE TEAM REP: Suzanne Shahan

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Sandy Shipman **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
HOSPITALITY: Open Heart Zen Sangha **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOSTER CARDS: Maggie Duffy
SOCIAL ACTION: Independent Living for Young Adults
GROUPS & PROGRAMS: Connection Circles

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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Invisible Courage

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