

Order of Service

Sunday, September 28, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Earth Song* as performed by Michael Jackson

***Processional Hymn** #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***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 *The Mondo Drum* Scott Ward

Time for All Ages Catherine Williamson

◆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 and Prayer *Trees* by Susan Griffin Rev. Dr. Snyder

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *Seasons of Love* by J. Larson Choir

Stewardship Reflection Rev. Dr. Snyder

◆Offertory *The Road Not Taken* by R. Thompson/R. Frost Choir

Responsive Reading Rev. Dr. Snyder
#464 *And Then* (please read the words in italics)

***Hymn** #1073 *The Earth Is Our Mother*

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder
Aldo Leopold and Our View of the World

***Closing Hymn** #145 *As Tranquil Streams*

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Snyder

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Improvisation on *For the Beauty of the Earth* 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 tag.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Jean Kennedy
GREETERS: Chela Metzger, Paul McGhee, Suzanne Perry, Jen Hann-Deschaine
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
CYRE TEAM: Melissa Sugdinis

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Sandy Shipman **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
HOSPITALITY: Choir
SOCIAL ACTION: ILYA
LOST AND FOUND: Bella Gier
CONNECTIONS CIRCLES: Connections Circles Registration

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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