

Order of Service

Sunday, November 2, 2014

10:30 a.m.

During the Prelude, you are invited to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary for remembrances of losses within the past year.

Prelude Chorale preludes by J. S. Bach Scott Ward

***Opening Hymn** #183 *Winds of Change Forever Blown*

***Invocation** by Rev. Michelle Collins
by Homer (adapted for gender inclusion)

***Passing the Peace**

◆Welcome and Announcements

Centering #123 *Spirit of Life*

Lighting the Chalice by Michael DeVernon Boblett 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 *a leaf falls* by cummings/Ward Lori Weddell

Time for All Ages Catherine Williamson
The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia

◆Departing Blessing *For You Shall Go Out* – by T. Benjamin

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 & Prayer by Merritt Malloy Rev. Collins

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *To Have Lived* by S. Ward S. Ward

Stewardship Reflection Paul Pinson

◆Offertory *We Remember Them* by E. Alexander Choir

Story *The Mustard Seed*, a Buddhist wisdom tale Rev. Collins

***Hymn** #1001 *Breaths*

Homily *The Loss We Share* Rev. Michelle Collins

Day of the Dead Community Ritual designed by Suzie Cornell
Marian Sargeant, Rev. Collins

***Closing Hymn** #128 *For All That Is Our Life*

***Benediction** Rev. Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Sanctus* from *Requiem* by G. Faure Choir

(Please be seated through the end of the Postlude)

* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

◆ Ushers will welcome late-comers into the service at this time.

Today we especially remember members of First Unitarian Church who have died in the past year: Shirley Bancroft, Jack Dallinger, Jack Drysdale, King Howe, Jane Jenkins, Bill Johnson, Wayne Kneisley and Ann Rydgren.

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: Richard Speck, Karin Suna, Janet Jones, Mary Jane Simmons
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
CYRE: Wendy Gladfelter

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Kathi Weiss **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
HOSPITALITY: UUSC **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOSTER CARDS: Paul Pinson **BOOK CORNER:** Debbe Krape
SOCIAL ACTION: Independent Living for Young Adults
COUNTERPOINT: Miriam Priest
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM: Gifts & Talent Survey

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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