

Order of Service

Sunday, December 14, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Traditional Hanukkah songs Scott Ward

***Opening Hymn** #221 *Light One Candle*

***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 *In the Bleak Midwinter*, arr. H. Darke Choir
soloists Miriam Priest-Benedict, Jim Weddell

New Member Recognition (*see insert*) Rev. Dr. Snyder, Rev. Collins
Suzanne Perry, Nancy Pinson

Time for All Ages Rev. Collins and...

◆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 *Important Notice* by Jane Rzepka Rev. Dr. Snyder

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation *The Three Kings*, arr. P. Cornelius Martin Hargrove

Stewardship Reflection Lucy Rabe

◆Offertory *A Boy was Born* by B. Britten Chamber Choir

Litany of Commitment (*see insert*) Rev. Collins

***Hymn** #299 *Make Channels for Streams of Love*

Sermon *Are We Compassionate?* Rev. Michelle Collins

***Closing Hymn** #298 *Wake Now My Senses*

***Benediction**

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *The Three Kings*, arr. S. Ward S. Ward

(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.

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: Mary Jo Metz
GREETERS: Richard Speck, Cinda Crane, Erich Kuehn, Suzanne Perry
USHERS: J. Harry & Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Patricia McGee
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CYRE: Jenn Hahn-Deschaine

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Barbara Marrs **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOK CORNER: Bev Bach
HOSPITALITY: Leadership Development Team
SOCIAL ACTION: House Pins

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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Are We Compassionate?

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