

Order of Service

Sunday, September 18, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

◆ **Welcome and Announcements** Tracy Spinka-Doms, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude Bluesette, in memory of Toots Thielemans

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn** #121 (Verses 1 & 2) *We'll Build a Land*

*Unison Affirmation

With a sincere desire for our congregation to flourish, I promise: to be mindful to nurture my own spiritual health; to be attentive to guests and new members; to seek to understand others with humility and an open mind; to interact with my fellow UU members with integrity and respect; to use wisdom and patience in challenging or conflicted situations and to seek honest reconciliation; to be involved; and to uphold this covenant in interactions in the wider community.

Musical Response

Tale for All Ages

Catherine Williamson,
Director of Religious Exploration

Departing Blessing

Prayer/Meditation "Circled by Mercy" by Walter Brueggemann

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation Come Sunday by "Duke" Ellington

Reading "What Does It Mean to Be a Community of Covenant"
By Rev. Gretchen Haley

***Hymn** #1021 *Lean on Me*

Sermon "Whose Am I?" Rev. Roberta Finkelstein,
Developmental Minister

***Hymn** #121 (Verses 3 & 4) *We'll Build a Land*

Stewardship Moment

To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.

Offertory Little B's Poem, in memory of Bobby Hutcherson

Benediction adapted from Rev. Scott Tayler

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Fried Bananas, in memory of Dexter Gordon

This morning we welcome The Harvey Price Jazz Quartet:
Larry Mckenna, Saxophone
Justin Sekelweski, Bass
Tom Palmer, Drums

* *Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.*
◆ *Ushers welcome late-comers into the service at this time.*

Pastoral Care Needs:

If you are experiencing an illness or hospitalization, struggling with a loss, facing changes and stresses in life, or just need somebody to listen, the Pastoral Care team is here for you. Contact Jackie Feldman, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at jackief@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!**CHURCH OFFICE:** Peggy Raheiser**GREETERS:** Richard Speck, Jean Griffith, Mary Jay Simmons,
Mary Jo Metz**USHERS:** Bill & Joan Flack, Janet Hall, Sue Wilson**SONG LEADER:** Richard Speck**PASTORAL CARE:** Jackie Feldman**FIRST U LIBRARY:** Open Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**WELCOME TABLE:** Donna González, Jacqueline Kairis**UUSC COFFEE SALES:** Steve Marek**AV TEAM:** Jon Claney**OUR VALUES:**

We work to embody: Love and Compassion, Growth and Discovery, Freedom and Justice, Wonder and Joy.

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 UU identity to fight for a more just world.
 Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.

*“What Does it Mean to be
 a Community of Covenant?”*

First Unitarian Church*A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary*

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***“Our Covenant”***

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