

Order of Service

Earth Day Celebration April 19, 2015

10:30 a.m.

The Earth is Our Mother

***Opening Song** #207 *Earth Was Given as a Garden*

***Opening Words** *The Trees* Grace Laster

***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 The Laster Family

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.

Interlude *The Earth is our Mother* CYRE Bell Choir

A Story *Glug and the Water Cycle*

◆Interlude *March of the Polar Bears* Constellation

Some Good News Rev. Michelle Collins & Scott Ward

A Song *This Land is your Land*
CYRE Bell Choir and CYRE Classes

A Lesson *Discourse on the Properties of Dirt Infused with Water*
Chessie Dowdy, Sarah Shahan

Interlude *I Believe* Constellation

Stewardship of the Earth Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

Offertory *Treasured Memories* Constellation

Three Earth Day Thoughts from Around the World
Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder; Rev. Michelle Collins; Catherine Williamson, DRE

***Song** #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Closing Words Grace Laster

Closing Song *The Earth is Our Mother*

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 latecomers into the service at this time.*

Many thanks to Wendy and Ned Gladfelter for their work with the CYRE Bell Choir and with all our CYRE children for “This Land is Your Land.”

We would like to introduce Constellation. Constellation consists of the husband and wife team of Eric Thomas and Helen Wolfson. Helen plays the hammered dulcimer. Eric is a singer/songwriter/guitarist. Together they play a wide variety of music. Helen and Eric attend the Eno River, NC UU Church. CDs of their music in a variety of styles will be available during coffee hour, just come down to the piano, and you can meet Constellation.

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 or the hearts with ears buttons.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Peggy Rawheiser
GREETERS: Burley Melton, Barbara Perry, Maggie Duffy, Nancy Pinson
USHERS: Donna González, Janet Hall, 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: Ruth Fleury-Steiner

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE:	Kathi Weiss	UUSC COFFEE:	Steve Marek
HOSPITALITY:	Green Sanctuary	AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
BOOSTER CARDS:	Paul Pinson	BOOK CORNER:	Lisa Jacobs
SOCIAL ACTION:	House Pin Sales		
AUCTION TEAM:	Auction Wrap Up		

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

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