

*Roe V. Wade Anniversary Interfaith Worship Service*

## **First Unitarian Church**

*A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary*

*Sunday, January 22, 2017*



*Wilmington Clergy for Choice*

# ***Order of Service***

*Sunday, January 22, 2017*

*4:00 p.m.*

## **Seating Music**

Scott Ward, Honorary Minister of Music,  
First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

## **◆ Welcome**

Elyse Reznick, Planned Parenthood of Delaware Board member and  
First Unitarian Church member;

Kathy Epler, Planned Parenthood of Delaware Board Chair

## **Prelude**

“Dream God’s Dream”  
by Bryan Sirchio

Rev. Cynthia Robinson, New Ark United Church of Christ

Chorus:      Dream God’s dream  
                 Loving Spirit, help us dream  
                 Of a world where there is justice  
                 And where everyone is free  
                 To build and grow and love  
                 And to simply have enough  
                 The world will change  
                 When we dream God's dream

## **Call to Worship**

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein,  
First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

## **Hymn\***

#318 We Would Be One

## **Telling Our Stories**

Ruth Lytle-Barnaby, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Delaware

Rev. David Andrews, Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein, Developmental Minister of First Unitarian Church of  
Wilmington

**Hymn\***

#394 Hava Nashirah

**Ritual of Healing**

Rabbi Yair Robinson,  
Congregation Beth Emeth

Mi shebeirach avoteinu  
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu  
May the source of strength,  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,  
and let us say, Amen.  
Mi shebeirach imoteinu  
M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu  
Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah,  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,  
And let us say, Amen

**Benediction**

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**Postlude**

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

## **Benediction**

Rev. Cynthia Robinson

(adapted from the Center for American Progress's Affirmation  
of Faith and Reproductive Justice)

There is nothing in heaven or on earth that can separate us from the love of God.

**There is nothing we can do, nor does anyone else have it in their power, to diminish our place in the human family.**

Neither death nor life, nothing in all creation,

**Neither Congress nor lobbyists,**

Neither pro-life protesters nor misguided friends, family members, partners, or faith communities,

**Can change that we are a child of God, a creation of this universe, precious and worthy of care and justice.**

But the powers that be are moving to change women's access to healthcare and the legitimate right for a woman to decide, to choose what happens to her body.

To that end we affirm:

**All: We are all leaders, committed to justice and dignity for all people. We believe that all individuals, families, and communities should have the rights, recognition, and resources they need to thrive.**

**Women: We affirm** the sacredness of conscience—even when it leads to disagreement or conflict—as a foundation of liberty—religious and otherwise.

**Men: We believe** in protecting a woman's well-being and sacred decision making. We respect the vibrant diversity of faith and belief in our country. History has taught us the deep violence that results when a singular theological teaching is imposed on a diverse and pluralistic nation, particularly concerning the beginning and development of life.

**All: We recognize that a woman's decision to become a parent exists within a larger context. A host of factors—including her economic circumstance, access to health care and sex education, personal safety, housing situation, and support from family and community—shape her ability to flourish and fulfill her God-given potential as an individual and as a parent.**

**We believe that faith communities—longstanding leaders in the fight for restorative justice—should lead the fight for reproductive justice.**

**We pledge to do our part, individually and collectively, through the following efforts:**

- **Educate our communities about reproductive justice and engage them in reproductive justice work.**

- **Work for economic, environmental, health, immigrant, gender, and racial justice so that a woman who wants to be a parent may raise her child with dignity.**
- **Stand up for women's reproductive health as a religious and a moral issue.**
- **Work to reduce inequities in our health care system that disproportionately affects low-income women and women of color.**
- **Ensure that all women, regardless of their economic circumstances, have access to safe and affordable abortion care.**
- **Uphold the religious freedom on which our country was founded by protecting individual right of conscience and opposing the codification of singular theological teachings on a pluralistic, democratic society. We will support policies that honor religious diversity and respect women's decision making.**

We trust women to do what is needed for themselves, their families, and their communities. All human beings—no matter their gender or gender expression, skin color, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status—have sacred worth and deserve to be safe and to make free decisions for their own lives and personhood. May it be so.



Planned Parenthood of Delaware

## Mission Statement

The Mission of Planned Parenthood of Delaware is to actively promote reproductive health and responsible sexual behavior through the provision of comprehensive high quality education, counseling and medical services.

We support the availability of these services for all, including individuals whose access to other sources of help is limited.

We promote public policy and understanding that supports reproductive health and family planning.

## Services

### **Healthcare**

PPDE provides reproductive health care services to men, women, and teens at four health centers statewide. Services include: well woman exams, testing and treatment for STDs and HIV, birth control, pregnancy tests, emergency contraception (now over the counter for adult women), medical and surgical abortion, male exams, and vasectomy services. PPDE accepts state health insurance (Medicaid and Screening for Life), most private insurances, and self-pay clients.

### **Education**

PPDE provides education programs that promote responsible choices regarding sexual health and provide medically accurate, age-appropriate sexual education. These programs can be tailored to meet the needs of school-aged youth, parents, teachers, health professionals, or community organizations.

### **Advocacy**

PPDE advocates for expanded access to reproductive health care, access to accurate sexual health information, and the right to choose whether to commence, continue or terminate a pregnancy. Through advocacy work, PPDE educates government officials about reproductive rights issues, fights for legislation to protect individual rights and expand access to healthcare and information, and builds a base of supporters who are ready to speak out in favor of reproductive rights and choice.

