

Order of Service

Sunday, May 14, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆Welcome and Announcements

Tracy Spinka-Doms and
Edris Harrell, Worship Associates

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude If We Only Have Love by Jacques Brel Sharin Apostolou,
Guest Soprano

Call to Worship “The Complexity of Motherhood” by Leah Hart-Landsberg

Chalice Lighting words by Deane Oliva

Hymn* #309 *Earth Is Our Homeland*

*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

Departing Blessing *(sing through twice)*
*For you shall go out with joy, for you shall go out with joy,
and come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.*

Prayer/Meditation “Prayer for All Who Mother” By Victoria Weinstein

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation Calling All Angels by S. Roewe Choir

Hymn* #295 *Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

Sermon “Twenty Five Years of Ministry” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Hymn* #146 *Soon the Day Will Arrive*

Stewardship Moment Marilyn Hyte
Congregation in unison: *To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a
tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

Offertory Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude Being Alive by Stephen Sondheim

Special thanks to Anne Zwick Turner. Anne was a professor of voice and opera at Skidmore College and had a long career as a professional classical singer. She also is a talented pianist. Anne joined the church this past fall and is extremely grateful to be part of this congregation. She says it’s been a delight to substitute for Scott during his recovery.

Thank you to our guest Soprano - Sharin Apostolou. Sharin is making a versatile professional career, both as an opera singer and singer-actor in musical theater. She has appeared in leading roles across the United States and abroad. She resides here in Wilmington with her husband, tenor Ryan MacPherson.

* 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 Dottie Ashcraft, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at Dottiea@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Mary Jo Metz
GREETERS:	Cathy & Don Lemasters, Cinda Crane, Burley Melton
USHERS:	J. Harry & Jackie Feldman, Maggie Duffy, Patricia McGee
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Dottie Ashcraft
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WELCOME TABLE:	Dale Megill, Barbara Marrs
UUSC COFFEE SALES:	Steve Marek
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
CHILDREN & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	Ruth Fleury-Steiner
HOSPITALITY:	Celebration of Roberta's 25 Years in Ministry

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 Embodiment?”**

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A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary

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