

Order of Service

Sunday, September 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *River in Judea*, by J. Feldman Choir

Call to Worship *Invitation* by Shel Silverstein

Chalice Lighting

*Hymn #361 *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*

*Unison Affirmation

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington we seek to embody: love and compassion; growth and discovery; freedom and justice; wonder and joy.

Introduction to Water Communion Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Litany adapted from Rev. Daniel O'Connell
Congregational Response: We carry our water

Ponds and Streams

Commentary

Pouring pond and stream water

Oceans

Commentary / Prayers of the People

Pouring ocean water

*Hymn #1007 *There's a River Flowing in My Soul*

Rivers

Commentary / Story

Pouring river water

All Other Water

Commentary

Pouring all the other water

Stewardship Moment

Jeff Lott & Carolyn Bitzer

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

Benediction

*Closing Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

We welcome Darien P. Brown and friends to our service. Maxine Brown. Miss Canada Brown, performing artists, vocalist, musician, playwright, stage manager, and producer. Starting at age 9, Miss Brown has performed and studied under Sydney King, Arthur Hall, John Hines, and Dan Perna of Cabrini College. She attended Temple University and the College of Performing Arts in Philadelphia. Miss Brown performed on Broadway's acclaimed production of *Bubbling Brown Sugar* with none other than "Cab" Calloway. She has performed nationally and internationally as an artist. Miss Brown continues to teach, perform, write; and produce. Her latest, *The Life and Times of Josephine Baker*.

* 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 Mary Jane Simmons, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at maryjanes@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE: Lucy Rabe
GREETERS: Lynn & Bob Ingersoll, Cathy Cambridge, Dee Burdash
USHERS: J. Harry & Jackie Feldman. Jan Blanchfield, Patricia McGee
SONG LEADER: Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE: Mary Jane Simmons
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
BOOSTER CARDS: Bill Hardham
UUSC COFFEE SALES: Steve Marek
AV TEAM: Jon Claney

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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A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary
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Ingathering & Water Communion

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein