

# Order of Service

Sunday, September 17, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆ **Welcome and Announcements** Ed Scott, Worship Associate

**Passing the Peace**

**Ringing the Gong**

**Prelude** *Like a Mighty Stream* arr. J. Jacobs/Choir

**Call to Worship**

**Chalice Lighting** Janet Parsons

\***Hymn** #52 *In Sweet Fields of Autumn*

\***Unison Affirmation**

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

**Musical Response**

**Tale for All Ages** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**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** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Prayers of the People**

**Musical Meditation** *Hear Me*, words by J. Hornbeck Choir

**Reading** “Change My Heart”, By Gretchen Haley

\***Hymn** #1023 *Building Bridges*

**Sermon** “We Bid You Welcome” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

\***Hymn** #122 *Sound Over All Waters*

**Stewardship Moment**

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** *Immortal Love* arr. E. Alexander/Choir

**Benediction** “The Common Good” Rev. Kathleen McTigue

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude** *Impromptu in G Flat*, F. Schubert

\* *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](mailto:maryjanes@firstuuwilm.org).

**Thank you to all our volunteers!**

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Carolyn Gibson  
**GREETERS:** Nancy & Paul Pinson, Mary Jane Simmons, Jean Griffith  
**USHERS:** Bill & Joan Flack, Sue Wilson  
**SONG LEADER:** Richard Speck  
**PASTORAL CARE:** Mary Jane Simmons  
**FIRST U LIBRARY:** Sunday's 9:00am-12:00pm, first floor classroom wing  
**VISITOR / NEWCOMERS GROUP:** Doyle Dobbins  
**BOOK CORNER:** Debbie & Phil Krape  
**BOOSTER CARDS:** Maggie Duffy  
**UUSC COFFEE SALES:** Steve Marek  
**AV TEAM:** Jon Claney  
**INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** Student Care Packages

**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.

# First Unitarian Church

*A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary*  
 Sunday, September 17, 2017



***We Bid You Welcome***

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein