

# Order of Service

Sunday, November 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆ **Welcome and Announcements** Kate Franta, Worship Associate

**Passing the Peace**

**Ringing the Gong**

**Prelude** “Almande Prynce”, Anon. 17 Cen

**Call to Worship** “Wild Geese”, by Mary Oliver Rev. LoraKim Joyner

**Chalice Lighting (Adapted from Albert Schweitzer)**

Reverence before the infinity of Life  
Means the removal of strangeness  
The restoration of shared experiences,  
and the compassion and sympathy.  
May the light of our shared time together restore us,  
Moving all of life from strangers to family.

\***Hymn** #38 “Morning has Broken”

\***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** “Our Ape Family” Rev. LoraKim Joyner

**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**

Kate Franta

**Prayers of the People**

**Musical Meditation** “Esto Les Digo”, by K. Lange  
Choir, soloist Megan Mecier

**Reading** “What is the Greatest Gift?”

\***Hymn** #331 “Life is the Greatest Gift”

**Sermon** “Reverence for Life” Rev. LoraKim Joyner

\***Hymn** #21 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**Stewardship Moment**

Kate Franta

*To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

**Offertory** “Pie Jesu”, by K.A. Arneson  
Choir, soloist Jim Weddell

**Benediction**

Rev. LoraKim Joyner

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Postlude** “Love Divine”, arr. M. Burkhardt

\* 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 Lydia Robb, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at [LydiaR@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:LydiaR@firstuuwilm.org).

***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Peggy Rawheiser  
**GREETERS:** Burley & Helga Melton, Mary Jo Metz, Charlie Anderson  
**USHERS:** J Harry & Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Patricia McGee  
**SONG LEADER:** Richard Speck  
**PASTORAL CARE:** Lydia Robb  
**HOSPITALITY:** Environmental Justice Task Force  
**FIRST U LIBRARY:** Open Sunday mornings 9:00am-12:00pm, first floor classroom wing  
**UUSC COFFEE SALES:** Steve Marek  
**AV TEAM:** Jon Claney  
**INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** Holiday Backpacks  
**CHILDRENS RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:** Amy Barch, Grace Laster, Noah Hann-Deschaine, Amy Gunderson, Matt Sargent, Liz Marek, Joel Pust, Kyle Williamson, Tracy Spinka-Doms, Jackson Salasky

**OUR MISSION:**

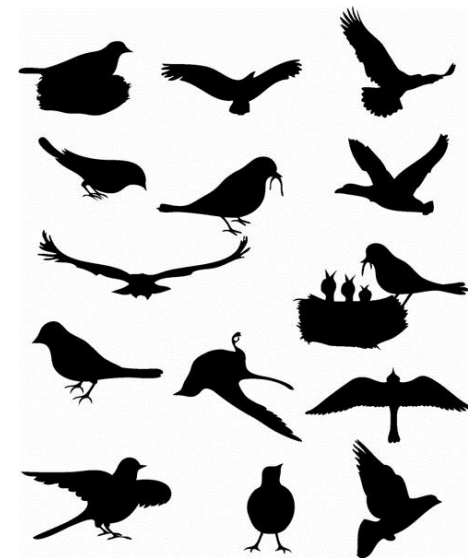
First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.

**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, November 12, 2017



***Reverence for Life***

Rev. LoraKim Joyner