

Order of Service

Sunday, December 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

◆ **Welcome and Announcements** Carmen Bell-Delgado, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude “O Come Emanuel”, arr. D. Schelat

Call to Worship “We Are Waiting”, by Leslie Takahashi
Congregational Response: We are waiting

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn of the Month** #51 “Lady of the Season’s Laughter”

***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

Catherine Williamson,
Director of Religious Education

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.

Reading “Breaking Down Barriers”, by Rhys Williams

Homily

“A Story of Hope”

Carmen Bell-Delgado,
Worship Associate

***Hymn** #396 “I Know this Rose Will Open”

Prayer / Meditation

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation “Lux Aeterna”, by K. Memley Choir

Quote from Howard Zinn

Homily “The Holy Impatience of Hope”
Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

***Hymn** #346 “Come, Sing A Song With Me”

Stewardship Moment Mike McCabe
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 “Psalm 133”, by R. Proulx Choir
David Weiss & Miriam Priest Benedict, Soloists

Benediction Paul Wadell

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude “Introduction to the Stairway to Heaven”, by R. Plant

- * 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 Deb Griffin, Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at debg@firstuuwilm.org.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Barbara Marrs
GREETERS:	Renee & Charles Anderson, Jan Blanchfield, Mary Jo Metz
USHERS:	Marty Peres, Sue Hodges, Lucy Rabe, Cindy Cohen
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Deb Griffin
VISITOR /	Richard Speck
NEWCOMERS GROUP:	
HOSPITALITY:	Independent Living for Young Adults
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00am-12:00pm, first floor classroom wing
BOOK CORNER:	Eloise Peres
BOOSTER CARDS:	Suzanne Proud
UUSC COFFEE SALES:	Steve Marek
HOUSE PIN SALES:	Supports YWCA
CIRCLE SUPPER:	Registration
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
CHILDREN & YOUTH	Jacquee Lukawski, Grace Laster, Noah Hann-Deschaine,
VOLUNTEERS:	Mitch Weiss Lauren Lineback, Jon Claney, Joel Pust, Kyle Williamson, Marilyn Kyte, Tracy Spinka-Doms
INDEPENDENT LIVING	Holiday Giving
FOR YOUNG ADULTS:	

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, December 3, 2017

***Hope's Holy Impatience***

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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