

Order of Service

Sunday, April 22, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+**Welcome and Announcements** Linda Sanders, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *Come Sunday*, by “Duke” Ellington

Call to Worship Holding Reality and Possibility Together,
by Samuel A. Trumbore

Chalice Lighting A Spark of Hope, by Melanie Davis

***Hymn of the Month** #1036 *Calypso Alleluia*

***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 “Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose”, by Dr. Seuss
Rebecca Fisher

Departing Blessing *(sing through twice)*

For you shall go out in joy, for you shall go out in joy,
and come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.

Prayer / Meditation What Can We Learn from Spring’s Power?,
by Cathy Rion Starr

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation *Hear My Prayer*, by H. Pursell Chamber Choir

Reading “Ministry Is All That We Do”, by Gordon McKeeman

***Hymn** #298 *Wake Now My Senses (vs. 1, 3 & 5)*

Sermon “Come Together”, by Ben Fleury-Steiner

***Hymn** #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

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 *Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child*

Benediction Blessed is the Path, by Eric Williams

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Ainna That Good News arr. Dawson* Chamber Choir

* 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 Nancy Ball or Deb Griffin, the Pastoral Care Associates for the month, at NancyB@firstuuwilm.org [or DebG@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:DebG@firstuuwilm.org)

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Lucy Rabe
GREETERS:	Burley & Helga Melton, Jan Jones, Paul McGhee
USHERS:	Letty Diswood, Diane Wills, Dan Cecada, Greg Griffin
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Nancy Ball & Deb Griffin
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:	Beth Chen, Maisie Donohue, Mitch Weiss, Ethan Hann-Deschaine, Matt Sargent, Jon Claney, Sarah Shahan, Dave Donohue, Jackson Salasky
WELCOME TABLE:	Sandy Shipman, Wendy McMullen
NEWCOMERS ROOM:	Edris Harrell
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney & Jim Davis
BOOK CORNER:	Sylvia Tarzanin
HOSPITALITY:	Stewardship Team, Thank you!

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, April 22, 2018

Come Together



Ben Fleury-Steiner

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