

Order of Service

Sunday, April 8, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *If Every Woman in the World*, by K. McKay Choir

Call to Worship “Committed to Respond,” by Lynn Harrison

Chalice Lighting

***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 Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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 Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

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

First Reading excerpt from the *Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Annual Report 2017*, by Lyssa Jenkins

First Reflection “Nevertheless They Persisted: Feminists in Nicaragua”
Beverley Baxter

***Hymn** #170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People (Versus 1, 2, & 6)*

Reading “Cooperatives: A Different Way Forward,” by Phillip Hamilton

Second Reflection “Nevertheless They Persisted: Saving the Earth and Its People in Nicaragua” Doyle Dobbins

***Hymn** #121 *We Build a Land*

Stewardship Moment Beverley Baxter & Doyle Dobbins

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 “The Journey is our Home,” by A.Pote

Benediction from “Prayer for Living in Tension” by Joe Cherry

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Nocturne in E Flat Op.9 no.2*

* *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:	Carolyn Gibson
GREETERS:	Lynn & Bob Ingersoll, Jennifer Fazekas
USHERS:	J Harry & Jackie Feldman, Debra Haskell, Pat McGee
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:	Amy Barch, Maisie Donohue, Mitch Weiss, , Ethan Hann-Deschaine, Lauren Lineback, Sarah Shahan, Jon Claney, Dave Donohue, Jackson Salasky, Cindy Cohen
WELCOME TABLE:	Barbara Marrs & Dale Megill
NEWCOMERS ROOM:	Becky Laster
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney & Jim Davis
BOOK CORNER:	Bev Bach
HOSPITALITY:	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
UUSC:	Justice Sunday Collection

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.

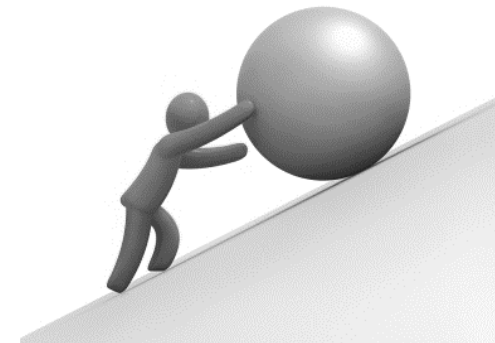
OUR ENDS:

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 8, 2018

Nevertheless They Persisted



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