

Order of Service

Sunday, May 6, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+**Welcome and Announcements** Edris Harrell, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary*, by J. Clarke

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting from “The Case for Hope”, by Rebecca Solnit E. Harrell

***Hymn of the Month** #1019 *Everything Possible*

***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 Interlude

Tale for All Ages “Clowning for Joy in Haiti”, by Sara Foster
Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

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

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation *Sakura, arr. Spevak* Choir

Reading from “The Case for Hope”, by Rebecca Solnit Rev. Ladd

***Hymn** #95 *There is More Love*

Sermon “Hope is the Match” Rev. Ladd

***Hymn** #123 *Spirit of Life*

Stewardship Moment E. Harrell

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 *Cantique de Jean Racine*, by G. Faure Choir

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Song Without Words*, by G. Faure

* *Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.*
+ *Ushers welcome late-comers into the service at this time.*

Today's flowers are in loving memory of Richard Stratton from his wife, Dale. The artful arrangement was done by Suzy Cornell."

Thanks, Dale

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 Dottie Ashcraft, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DottieA@firstuuwilm.org

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Mary Jo Metz
GREETERS:	Pam & Keith Weiss, Kathie Stamm, Maggie Duffy
USHERS:	Karen Berrie, Greg Griffin, Marty Peres, Lucy Rabe
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Dottie Ashcraft
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
CHILDRENS RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:	Amy Barch, Grace Laster, Noah Hann-Deschaine, Amy Gunderson, Lauren Lineback, Liz Marek, Joel Pust, Kyle Williamson
WELCOME TABLE:	Richard & Joan Carter
NEWCOMERS ROOM:	Richard Speck
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney & Jim Davis
BOOK CORNER:	Eloise Peres
HOSPITALITY:	Choir
INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS:	Backpacks

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, May 6, 2018

Hope is the Match

Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

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