

Order of Service

Sunday, September 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude

Call to Worship “We Come with a Dream” Soul Matters Team

Chalice Lighting “The Symbol That Holds Our Vision”, Beatrice Hitchcock

***Hymn** #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

***Unison Affirmation**

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington we seek to embody: love and compassion; growth and discovery; freedom and justice; wonder and joy.

Introduction to Water Communion Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Litany adapted from Rev. Daniel O’Connell
Congregational Response: We carry our water
(led by Catherine Williamson, Director of Religious Education)

Ponds and Streams Catherine Williamson
Commentary

Pouring pond and stream water

Oceans Rev. Roberta Finkelstein
Commentary / Prayers of the People

Pouring ocean water

***Hymn** #1007 *There’s a River Flowing in My Soul*

Rivers Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Commentary / Story

Pouring river water

All Other Water Catherine Williamson
Commentary

Pouring all the other water

Stewardship Moment **Grace Laster via video for Water is Life and introducing Give Plus!**

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

Benediction Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

***Closing Hymn** #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

*Accompanist: Barry Finkelstein
Drummers: Darien Ebo, Baba Joe Bryant, Baba Omar, Ms. Canada Brown, Ms. Carmen Butler*

* *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 Dale Megill, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DaleM@firstuuwilm.org

Thank you to all our volunteers!

- CHURCH OFFICE:** Lucy Rabe
- GREETERS:** Burley & Helga Melton, Suzanne Perry, Marilyn Hyte
- USHERS:** J. Harry & Jackie Feldman, Deborah Haskell, Patricia McGee
- SONG LEADER:** Richard Speck
- PASTORAL CARE:** Dale Megill & Giovanni Miaorano
- FIRST U LIBRARY:** Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
- WELCOME TABLE:** Stephanie Cloud & Dale Megill
- NEWCOMERS GROUP:** No Meeting 9/9
- AV TEAM:** Jon Claney & Jim Davis
- INGATHERING:** Julia Diebold
- SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Cindy Cohen

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, September 9, 2018

Ingathering



Rev. Roberta Finkelstein & Catherine Williamson,
Director of Religious Education

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