

Order of Service

Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:30 a.m.

+Welcome and Announcements David Weiss, Worship Associate

Greeting Our Neighbors

Ring the Gong

Prelude *Cantar!*, by J. Allhouse Chamber Choir
& Jonathan Whitney

Call to Worship “The Journey”, by Mary Oliver

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn** #295 *Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

Tale for All Ages Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

New Member Recognition

***Unison Affirmation**

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.

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 “5 AM in the Pinewoods”, by Mary Oliver

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** #83 *Winds Be Still*

Justice Moment American Promise

Musical Response J. Whitney

Homily “The Poetry of Mary Oliver” Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Musical Meditation J. Whitney

Reading “The Summer Day”, by Mary Oliver

***Hymn** #1068 *Rising Green*

Stewardship Moment

Congregation in unison: *To the work of this congregation, which is weaving tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

Offertory *The Storm is Passing Over* Chamber Choir &
J. Whitney

Benediction “When Death Comes”, by Mary Oliver

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Till We Meet Again*, by H. Burr

In honor of the 100th birthday of Glen Barbaras, you are invited to enjoy cake and light refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

The Sculpture on the front table – *Wood in Bloom*, by Glen Barbaras, 1983, mulberry on mahogany base. The flowers are given by friends in honor of Glen’s 100th birthday.

* *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, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DebG@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, Pat McGee, Sam Weiss
SONG LEADER: Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE: Deb Griffin
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: Jacquee Lukawski, Maisie Donohue, Amy Gunderson, Addie Asay, Kerri Dunham, Becky Laster, Travis Laster, Will Harrell, Kyle Williamson
WELCOME TABLE: Stephanie Cloud, Dale Megill
AV TEAM: Jon Claney
BOOK CORNER: Bev Bach
HOSPITALITY: Short Story Connection Circle
SOCIAL JUSTICE: Human Rights Task Force

OUR MISSION:

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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, March 10, 2019

The Poetry of Mary Oliver



Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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