

Order of Service

Sunday, December 15, 2019

10:30 a.m

+Welcome and Announcements Kate Franta, Worship Associate

Passing the Peace

Ringing the Gong

Prelude *In the Bleak Midwinter* Mary Kay Mann
Celtic harp and voice

Call to Worship Rev. Paula Maiorano

Chalice Lighting Rev. Paula Maiorano & Kate Franta

***Hymn** #40 *The Morning Hangs a Signal*

***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.

Time for All Ages Kate Franta

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.

Reflection on Winter Kate Franta

Prayer / Meditation Rev. Paula Maiorano

Prayers of the People

Shared Silence

Musical Meditation *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen M. K. Mann
Celtic harp and voice

Sermon "What Winter Brings" Rev. Paula Maiorano

***Hymn** #55 *Dark of Winter*

Caring Cloaks Kate Franta & Tracy Spinka-Doms

Stewardship Moment Kate Franta

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. Paula Maiorano

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Harvest Home Hornpipe* M. K. Mann, tin whistle

Mary Kay Mann performs concert programs of Irish/Scottish/American music for voice and harp in libraries, schools, museums, retirement facilities, festivals, and private groups. She also performs on Celtic harp for weddings and private functions throughout the greater Philadelphia/Mid-Atlantic area. Her recent awards are 3rd Place in Harp Slow Airs at the All-Ireland Fleadh (international) competition, 2012 3rd Place in Harp Slow Airs at the Mid-Atlantic (eastern U.S) Fleadh competition: 2012, 2015, 2016 Liltin, 2nd place 2014. Her appearance at church this morning is made possible by the Counterpoint Society. Counterpoint is a group of members and friends of First U who are able to give beyond their annual pledge to make special music possible.

* 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 Jackie Feldman the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at JackieF@firstuuwilm.org

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE: Lucy Rabe
GREETERS: Cathy Cambridge, Ed Keeling, Mary Jo Metz, Paul McGhee
USHERS: Cindy Cohen, Maggie Duffy, Janet Hall, Sam Weiss, Sue Wilson
SONG LEADER: Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE: Jackie Feldman
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
WELCOME TABLE: Donna Gonzalez, Jacqueline Kairis
AV TEAM: Jon Claney & friends
YOUTH GROUP Fundraiser for Youth Social Action Trip
BAKE SALE:

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
 December 15, 2019

What Winter Brings



Rev. Paula Maiorano

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