

Mother's Day; From Ancient Greece to Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS Laura Minnichelli

PRELUDE *Prelude in D Minor* (Clif Hardin) Michele Kelly

WELCOME Lee Minnichelli

CHALICE LIGHTING Lee Minnichelli

UNISON AFFIRMATION (SUNG)

*We pledge to walk together in the ways of truth and affection
as best we know them now or may learn them in days to come
that we and our children may be fulfilled
and that we may speak to the world
in words and actions of peace and goodwill.*

Words by Alice Blair Wesley; Music by Michele Kelly

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Bev Waring

HYMN # 8 *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

TIME FOR ALL AGES Diana Tesni

SING CHILDREN TO RE

*As you go may joy surround you. As you go, go in peace
Know our love is with you always. As you go, as you go*

CANDLES OF JOY OR SORROW Pat Morse

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Bev Waring

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Michele Kelly

MOTHER'S DAY - ANCIENT GREECE Ann Parsley

MOTHERING DAY – 1600s Lee Minnichelli

SPECIAL MUSIC *Avila* (Nicky Mehta) Sue Bencuya, Kathy Hulin, Michele Kelly

MOTHER'S DAY – 1870 Lee Minnichelli

MOTHER'S DAY – TODAY Rev. Bev

CALL FOR OFFERING (to benefit FUSF native planting Phase 1) Stirling Cousins

OFFERTORY *Le Banquet* (Yann Tiersen) Michele Kelly

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER Rev. Bev

FINAL HYMN # 108 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* All

BENEDICTION Rev. Bev Waring

FAREWELL SONG All

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again (sung twice)

EXTINGUISH THE CHALICE Rev. Bev Waring

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May 19, 2024: *Seven New UU Values; Why Now?* Led by Mary Dennis

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Joys and Sorrows Please send joys or sorrows to be shared during next Sunday's service using [this form](#). If you have trouble with the form, please contact the lay ministers by email: layministers@fuf.org

Offering: Give online using Tithely: www.fuf.org/give or by US Mail: FUSF, PO Box 316, Franklin, MA 02038 or leave a contribution in one of the offering plates during the service. Thank you for your generosity!

Announcements: Please send your announcements to announcements@fuf.org by Friday no later than 5:00 pm to be included on Sunday morning.

HYMN # 8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, where are you?
In the sky song, in the forest, sounds your cry.
What to give you, what to call you, what am I?

Many drops are in the ocean, deep and wide.
Sunlight bounces off the ripples to the sky.
What to give you, what to call you, who am I?

I am empty, time flies from me; what is time?
Dreams eternal, fears infernal haunt my heart.
What to give you, what to call you, O, my God?

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, take our hearts.
Take our breath and let our voices sing our parts.
Take our hands and let us work to shape our art.

HYMN # 108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!