First Universalist Society Franklin

March 30, 2025

What if the Hokey Pokey Really is What it's All About

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dave Gerlits

PRELUDE A Simple Song (Suzanne Ciani) Michele Kelly

WELCOME Lee Minnichelli

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Bev Waring

HYMN # 311 Let it Be a Dance All

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, Alice Blair Wesley; Music, Michele Kelly)

TIME FOR ALL AGES Sara Allegretti

SING CHILDREN TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 Katie Nunes

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Bev.

SPECIAL MUSIC Homeward Bound (Marta Keen arr. by J. Althouse) Universal Singers

READING Adapted from essay by Carol Ann Connor Lee Minnichelli

SERMON What if the Hokey Pokey Really is What its All About Rev. Bev.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Bo Kinney

OFFERTORY Angels Dream (CrusaderBeach) Michele Kelly

HYMN # 142 Let There Be Light (hymn of the month)

BENEDICTION Rev. Bev

FAREWELL SONG All

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Rev. Bev

April 6, 2025 What Will You Do? with the FUSF Climate Justice Team Visit us at www.fusf.org or on Facebook at First Universalist Society in Franklin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Joys and Sorrows</u> Please send joys or sorrows to be shared during next Sunday's service using <u>this form</u>. If you have trouble with the form, please contact the lay ministers by email: <u>layministers@fusf.org</u>

Offering: Give online using Tithely: www.fusf.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!

<u>Announcements</u>: Please send your announcements to **announcements@fusf.org** by Friday no later than 5:00 pm to be included on Sunday morning.

HYMN # 311 Let it Be a Dance

Chorus: Let it be a dance we do. May I have this dance with you? Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard. Play the music, say the words, and fill the sky with sailing birds.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Learn to follow, learn to lead, feel the rhythm, fill the need, to reap the harvest, plant the seed. Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Everybody turn and spin, let your body learn to bend, and like a willow with the wind, Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. A child is born, the old must die; a time for joy, a time to cry. Take it as it passes by. Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Morning star comes out at night, without the dark there is no light. If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Let the sun shine, let it rain; share the laughter, bear* the pain, and round and round we go again. Let it be a dance.

HYMN # 142 Let There Be Light

Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord, opening into grace.

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgment, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.