

Easter; Spiritual Meaning from Three Cultures

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Faith Lennon
PRELUDE <i>Sonata for Four Hands, k. 381, 1st mvmt.</i> (W. A Mozart)	Michele Kelly & Phil Hall
WELCOME	Allison Flanagan
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Bev Waring
HYMN #270, O Day of Light and Gladness	All
CHALICE LIGHTING	Allison Flanagan
UNISON AFFIRMATION (SUNG) <i>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.</i> (Words, Alice Blair Wesley; Music, Michele Kelly)	
TIME FOR ALL AGES	Rev. Bev
SING CHILDREN TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION <i>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</i>	
CANDLES OF JOY OR SORROW	Pat Morse
PRAYER/MEDITATION	Rev. Bev
SPECIAL MUSIC “ <i>Gaudeamus Hodie</i> ” (N. Sleeth)	Universal Singers
PART I <i>Suffering and Lamentation</i> A Story of Jesus A Story of Ganesha A Story of Persephone	Allison Flanagan Lee Minnichelli Evelyn Rossing
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	Joan Toye
OFFERTORY <i>Fugue in E Major</i> (J. S. Bach)	Phil Hall
PART II – <i>Hope and Celebration</i> Jesus Story Continued Ganesha Story Continued Persephone Story Continued	Allison Flanagan Lee Minnichelli Evelyn Rossing
HOMILY <i>EASTER</i>	Rev. Bev
HYMN #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky	All
BENEDICTION	Rev. Bev
FAREWELL SONG <i>Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again</i> (sung twice)	All
EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE	Rev. Bev

Next week: April 27, 2025 *God, an Apple and a Chair* with Rev. Bev preaching

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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@fusf.org

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Franklin, MA 02038 or leave a contribution in one of the offering plates during the service.
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Announcements: Please send your announcements to announcements@fusf.org by Friday
no later than 5:00 pm to be included on Sunday morning.

HYMN # 270 O Day of Light and Gladness

O day of light and gladness, of prophecy and song,
what thoughts within us waken, what hallowed mem'ries throng!
The soul's horizon widens, past, present, future blend;
and rises on our vision the life that has no end.

Earth feels the season's joyance; from mountain range to sea
the tides of life are flowing, fresh, manifold, and free.
In valley and on upland, by forest pathways dim,
all nature lifts in chorus the resurrection hymn.

O Dawn of life eternal, to thee our hearts up-raise
the Easter song of gladness, the Passover of praise.
Thine are the many mansions, the dead die not to thee,
who fillest from thy fullness time and eternity.

HYMN #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky (3 verses only)

All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice: (Chorus)

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light: (Chorus)