

ANNOUNCEMENTS Meg Loring

PRELUDE *Down By The Sally Gardens (trad.)* Michele Kelly

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING Mary Dennis

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

OPENING HYMN #108 *How Can I Keep From Singing* All

TIME FOR ALL Sara Allegretti

SING THE 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 Laura Cerier

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Bev

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Lead the Way* (L.Morris) Universal Singers

SERMON *Heretics I Have Known and Loved* Rev. Bev

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Drew Bogner

OFFERTORY *Gymnopedie #1* (Erik Satie) Michele Kelly

HYMN *Hold Fast to Love* (hymn of the month) All

BENEDICTION Rev. Bev

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Rev. Bev

WELCOME

We are happy you chose to worship at First Universalist Society in Franklin (FUSF) this morning. If you are a first time visitor, please be sure to sign our guest book that can be found on the welcome table in the foyer. If you leave an email address, we will include you in the mailing of our weekly newsletter, the Emessenger, and you will be kept up to date on all that is happening at FUSF. We hope you will all stay for coffee and conversation in the foyer following the service. We look forward to getting to know you better and to answer any questions you may have about FUSF or Unitarian Universalism.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

The FUSF nursery is open every Sunday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The nursery is typically for children aged 0 to 4 years old.

Children and youth can join their family in the sanctuary for the beginning of FUSF's worship service. After the *Time for All*, they will be invited to attend Religious Education programming.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Please send joys or sorrows to be shared during next Sunday's service using the Joys and Sorrows link found in the weekly E-Messenger. If you have trouble with the form, please contact the lay ministers by email: layministers@fusf.org. You may also fill out an index card found in the basket on the back table in the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Give online: www.fusf.org/give; 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@fusf.org by Friday no later than 5:00 pm to be included on Sunday morning.

Hold Fast to Love (Hymn of the Month)

Hold fast to love for it's not broken
Hold fast to love it will endure
Hold fast to love hold your heart open
For all this hurt love is the cure

Hold fast to love it's staying right here
Despite the ones who've lost their way
Hold fast to love it shows the way clear
So we can face another day

Hold fast to love it's in our voices
Hold fast to love it's in our hands
Love rises up to guide our choices
There is no storm love can't withstand

Hold fast to love for it's not broken
Hold fast to love it will endure
Hold fast to love hold your heart open

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#108 How Can I Keep From Singing

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!

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Tues. Apr. 21, 7 - 9 pm: Resistance Rising (Sanctuary)

Tues. Apr. 21, 7 - 9 pm: Men's Group (Cook Room)

Sun. Apr. 26, 10 am: *Worship, Moving From Grief To Justice*,
with Rev. Jo Murphy of UU Mass Action

Sun. Apr. 26, 11:15am: Spring Grounds Clean Up

Go to FUSF.org/calendar for Zoom links and more information.

FUSF is a Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and certified as a Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people into our community.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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***Heretics I Have Known
and Loved***