

ANNOUNCEMENTS Meg Loring

PRELUDE *Barcelona* (J. Brickman) Ed Barresi

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING Peter 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 Emily Steltzer

OPENING HYMN *Heart Opening Song (hymn of the month)* All

TIME FOR ALL *The Memory Table* (Christy Olson & Jessica York) 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 Maddy Rivera-Bellino

PRAYER/MEDITATION Peter Dennis

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fly Away* (Pink Zebra) Universal Singers

SERMON *The Power of Memory* Peter & Emily & Congregation

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Kathy Hulin

OFFERTORY *Prelude 6: Lead, Kindly Light* (J. Dykes) Ed Barresi

HYMN #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning* All

BENEDICTION Peter Dennis

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Emily Steltzer

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.

Heart Opening Song (hymn of the month)

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the songs of the earth;

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the songs of the earth.

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the songs of you;

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the songs of you.

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the song of my soul;

My heart is open, open wide,
open wide to the songs of my soul.

#163, For the Earth Forever Turning

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
In our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Today, Sun. May 24, after worship: Money Matters Meeting

Tues. May 26, 7-9 pm: CPOD Meeting (Dana Room)

Thur. May 28, 7 - 9 pm: Men's Group (Cook Room)

Thur. May 28, 7:30 - 9 pm: Food Justice Team (Zoom)

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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The Power of Memory