

ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Majcher

PRELUDE *Remembrance* (Michele Kelly) Michele Kelly

WELCOME Emily Steltzer

CHALICE LIGHTING Sara Allegretti

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

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

CANDLES OF JOY OR SORROW Sandra Fellows

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Bev

SPECIAL MUSIC *“I’ll Be There”* (Jackson 5) Ian MacDonald

INTRODUCING Riley MacDonald Caitlin MacDonald

SPECIAL MUSIC *“For Good”* (Schwartz) Lilly & Violet MacDonald

INTRODUCING Evelyn Sucher Adam Sucher

BRIDGING CEREMONY Rev. Bev, Sara Allegretti, Emily Stelzer

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Andy Majcher

OFFERTORY *The Long and Winding Road* (Lennon/McCartney) Michele Kelly

REFLECTION *Milestones Abound* Rev. Bev

HYMN #360 *Here We Have Gathered* All

BENEDICTION Rev. Bev

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Rev. Bev  
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**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.

Today there is no Religious Education programming. Children may be escorted to the nursery by their caregiver at any time during the worship service.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

My heart is open, open wide,  
open wide to the pain of the earth (2xs)  
My heart is open, open wide,  
open wide to the pain of you; (2xs)

My heart is open, open wide,  
open wide to the pain of my soul; (2xs)  
My heart is open, open wide,  
open wide to the love of the earth (2xs)

My heart is open, open wide,  
open wide to the love of you; (2xs)

## #360 Here We Have Gathered

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;  
circle of kinship, come and step inside!  
May all who seek here find a kindly word;  
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate  
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:  
we of all ages, women, children, men,  
infants and sages, sharing what we can.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:  
but in the shadows, let us not forget:  
we who now gather know each other's pain;  
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.  
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

## THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Tues. May 12, 7-9 pm: CPOD Meeting (Dana Room)

Wed. May 13, 7 - 9 pm: Board of Trustees (Zoom)

Thurs. May 14, 1 - 3 pm: Prayer Shawl Group (Cook Room)

Go to [FUSF.org/calendar](https://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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# FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY IN FRANKLIN



## ORDER OF SERVICE

May 10, 2026

***Bridging Ceremony:  
Milestones Abound***