

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *River Flows in You* (Yiruma)

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING

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. Chris Scheller

OPENING HYMN *Coming Home* (hymn of the month)

All

verses 1, 2, and 5

TIME FOR ALL *Higgins: A Drop with a Dream*

Sara Allegretti

by Christopher Buice

INGATHERING WATER RITUAL

Rev. Chris

PRAYER/MEDITATION

Rev. Chris

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Kathy Hulin

OFFERTORY *Stream* (Suzanne Ciani)

Michele Kelly

SERMON *Water Finds Water*

Rev. Chris

HYMN *This Boat*

All

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris

FAREWELL SONG

All

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

Vicki Coates

Michele Kelly

Mary Dennis

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Chris

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 *Prayer/Meditation*, 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!

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Please send your announcements to announcements@fusf.org by Friday no later than 5:00 pm to be included on Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Today, Sun. Sept. 13, after worship: Reception for Rev. Chris
Tues. Sept. 15, 6-7 pm: CPOD Meeting (Cook Room)
Tues. Sept. 15, 7-9 pm: Resistance Rising (Sanctuary)
Thurs. Sept. 17, 7-9 pm: 350 Mass Greater Franklin (Dana Rm.)

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

September 13, 2026

***Water Finds Water—
Ingathering & Water Communion***