

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Majcher
PRELUDE <i>Breathe</i> (Marie Barnett)	Ed Barresi
WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING	Peter Dennis
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 by Alice Blair Wesley; Music by Michele Kelly	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Chris Scheller
OPENING HYMN #207 <i>Earth Was Given as a Garden</i>	All
TIME FOR ALL <i>Indra's Magnificent Jeweled Net</i>	Sara Allegretti
by Mary K. Isaacs	
SING THE CHILDREN TO RE	
<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	Maddy Rivera-Bellino
PRAYER/MEDITATION	Rev. Chris
READING Excerpt from <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer	
MUSICAL INTERLUDE Teotihuacan Harmony Flute	Rev. Chris
SERMON <i>A Sustainable Love</i>	Rev. Chris
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	Vicki Coates
OFFERTORY <i>A Flower Remembered</i> (John Rutter)	Ed Barresi
HYMN <i>Coming Home</i> (hymn of the month)	All
BENEDICTION	Rev. Chris

FAREWELL SONG	All
<i>Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again (sung twice)</i>	
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 *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.

#207 Earth Was Given as a Garden

Earth was given as a garden, cradle for humanity;
tree of life and tree of knowledge placed for our discovery.
Here was home for all your creatures born of land and sky and
sea;
all created in your image, all to live in harmony.

Show to us again the garden where all life flows fresh and free.
Gently guide your sons and daughters into full maturity.
Teach us how to trust each other, how to use for good our power,
how to touch the earth with rev'rence. Then once more will Eden
flower.

Bless the earth and all your children, one creation: make us whole,
interwoven, all connected, planet wide and inmost soul.
Holy mother, life bestowing, bid our waste and warfare cease.
Fill us all with grace o'erflowing. Teach us how to live in peace.

Coming Home (verses 1,3 and 5)

(Chorus)

We're coming home, to the spirit in our soul. We're coming home
and the healing makes us whole.
Like rivers running to the sea, we're coming home, we're coming
home.

Verse 1

As the day is woven into night,
As the darkness lives within the light,
As we open vision to new sight,
we're coming home, we're coming home.

Verse 3

As the full moon waxes into day
Speaking bold where only silence lay
As we dare to rise and lead the way
we're coming home, we're coming home. **(to chorus)**

Verse 5

To create a world of joy and peace
Where the power of justice does release
Love abounding, wars forever cease
we're coming home, we're coming home. **(to chorus)**

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Today, Sun. Sept. 27, 6-8 pm: Youth Group Ingathering
Thur. Oct. 1, 7 - 9 pm : 350 Mass Greater Franklin (Dana Rm.)
Sun. Oct. 4, after worship: FUSF Scavenger Hunt

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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A Sustainable Love