

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Open Road* (Crusader Beach)

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

OPENING HYMN *We Are Known By Our Love*

TIME FOR ALL

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

PRAYER/MEDITATION

ANTHEM *What A Wonderful World* (Thiele/Weiss)

SERMON *What's Missing?*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Dreamweaver* (Jennifer Eklund)

HYMN #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

BENEDICTION

FAREWELL SONG

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Evelyn Rossing

Michele Kelly

Mary Dennis

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Rev. Beth Robbins

All

Sara Allegretti

Rev. Beth Robbins

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Mary Dennis, Worship Chair

Michele Kelly

All

Rev. Beth Robbins

All

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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.

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. Dismissal will be at 11:10 am.

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.

We'll Be Known By Our Love (hymn of the month)

When the winds around you blow, take my hand.
When the raging waters flow, I'll help you to land,
And we'll go together into the great unknown.

Shelter for each other, compassion as our home,
And we'll be known by our love. We'll be known by our love.

When you're fearful, when you're blue, don't despair.
When the world gives up on you, I'll be there,
And we'll go together into the great unknown.

Shelter for each other, compassion as our home,
And we'll be known by our love. We'll be known by our love.

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#354 We Laugh, We Cry

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.
We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow.
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.
We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a time to be together.
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth,
and we believe that growing is an answer.

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief.
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief.
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done
the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a place to be together.
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe
that peace within our living is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.

THIS MONTH AT FUSF:

COUNTRY LINE DANCING is coming to FUSF

NEXT Saturday, October 17th, 6:30-9:00 pm

Please, plan to join us in the FUSF sanctuary for a Boot Scootin' FUNdraising event. Learn some of the latest country line dances. It's fun and easy. All ages are welcome! No previous experience needed!

Western attire, boots, and hats are optional!
However, please wear smooth, hard-soled shoes that will allow for easy movement on the carpeted sanctuary floor.

COST: Adults \$10 (18+)
Students \$8 (12-18)
Families \$25 max

Advance tickets are available at
<https://fusf.org/category/upcoming-events/>
Or buy at the door.

Snacks and Beverages will be available for purchase.

The FUSF Board of Trustees cordially invites you to the first **Congregational Conversation** of FY27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) on October 18 directly after service.

The Board will be reviewing its goals and objectives for this year. Per usual, we will also be reviewing "Money Matters". Please plan to attend.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

Annual Lantern Walk

Sunday, November 1st, 5 pm-6:30 pm

FUSF's Annual Lantern Walk is a magical tradition designed to help humans big and small to welcome the darkness of this time of year. Let's embrace this big, natural change together with joy. Bring a lantern, or use one of ours. We will gather, light our lanterns, sing songs, and go for a walk together around the FUSF grounds. Afterwards, we will enjoy community with a fire and hot cider. The event is free and open to all ages. Bring your friends. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and close-toed shoes.

Annual Fall FUSF Clean Up

Sunday, November 8th, after service

Want to get to know other members and friends in a casual fun atmosphere? Then plan to join the FUSF Community in cleaning up our building and grounds. Grab your work gloves, rakes, leaf blower, tree trimmers, and community spirit to ready our spiritual home for the coming months. All are welcome! Please let us know if you plan to attend. Email: adanz@comcast.net OR mark.minnichelli@fusf.org.

Game Night

Saturday, November 14th, 6-9 pm

Our last Game Night was so much fun, we're doing it again! Bring your favorite game to share. Join a game with old friends and new. Special Note: If you want to learn a game that you've heard about but never played, let the Connections Team know! Light snacks will be provided. You can also bring something to share! All ages are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun! Questions? Email connections@fusf.org.

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Tues. Oct. 13, 7-9 pm: CPOD Meeting (Dana Room)
Wed. Oct. 14, 7-9 pm: Board of Trustees Meeting (Dana Rm)
Thurs. Oct. 15, 7-9 pm: 350 Mass Greater Franklin (Dana Rm)
Fri. Oct. 16, 6:30-9 pm: Country Line Dancing Fundraiser

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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Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day