ANNOUNCEMENTS Vicki Coates

PRELUDE *Theme and Variations in D Major, KV 284* (Mozart) Phil Hall

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING Allison Flanagan

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 *#1053 How Could Anyone* All

TIME FOR ALL 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 Laura Cerier

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Chris

REFLECTION Evelyn Rossing

SPECIAL MUSIC Sonata in G Minor, KV 379, Movement 1 (Mozart)
Phil Hall, Laura Minnichelli, Carl Scheinman

HOMILY *Freedom Is a We* Rev. Chris

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Evelyn Rossing

This Sunday's collection plate proceeds will be donated to two important local LGBTQ+ organizations, the Franklin LGBTQ Alliance and OUT MetroWest.

OFFERTORY *Theme and Variations in D Major, KV 284* (Mozart)
Phil Hall

HYMN *Morning Hymn (hymn of the month)* All

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris

FAREWELL SONG All

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

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Rev. Chris

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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.

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.

#1053 How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Morning Hymn (Hymn of the Month)

Window of mystery, open to me:
Freshen the breath of my being.
Witness of spirit and wonder to be:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Venturesome faith: Now encourage my soul,
Arc of the universe freeing;
Lifting and loving, courageous and whole,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gather in covenant, broaden our reach.
Nurture the ties of our being.
Binding in wholeness, a blessing to each.
Alleluia, alleluia.

THIS WEEK AT FUSF

Today, Sun. Nov. 15, 11:30 - 12:30: UU 101 (Sanctuary)
Tues. Nov. 17, 7 - 9 pm: Resistance Rising (Sanctuary)
Wed. Nov. 18, 7 - 9 pm: Board of Trustees (Dana Room)
Thur. Nov. 19, 7 - 9 pm: 350 Mass Greater Franklin (Dana Rm.)
Fri. Nov. 20, 7pm: Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil (Sanctuary)

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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Collection Plate Giveaway

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The **Franklin LGBTQ Alliance** exists to support, raise awareness of, and build connections within the greater Franklin LGBTQIA+ community. As recent events have shown, this mission is more important than ever. They organize "Celebrate with Pride" in Franklin each June as well as many other programs throughout the year.

OUT MetroWest runs social and educational programs for LGBTQ+ youth aged pre-K to 29 at its Framingham center and several satellite locations. OUT MetroWest also has several community events each year and organizations can hire them to conduct a variety of trainings. Rooted in queer joy, OUT MetroWest provides a space where LGBTQ+ youth can be themselves and where all programs are facilitated by adults that are part of the community.

UU 101

Today, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

What is Unitarian Universalism? If someone asks you, this session, lead by Rev. Chris, is designed to help you answer that question in the time it takes to ride up an elevator together.

Winter Coat Drive

Donate gently used or new coats to help your Franklin-area neighbors! Donations can be dropped off through December 7, in the box in the FUSF foyer.

Spiritual Practices Sampler Series

Please join Rev. Chris Scheller in the coming months for a learning series on different spiritual practices.

- Have you ever been interested in the practices and benefits of meditation?
- How can movement be a spiritual practice?
- Is a covenant group something that might spark spiritual growth for you?

At each gathering, Rev. Chris will share insights about one spiritual practice, and then you'll have the opportunity to get a "taste" to see if you like it! Come and learn about different ways to fan that spark of spirit within you into a glowing flame. Offerings will be available in person and online in alternating months.

Introduction to Meditation
Sunday, December 13, 3:30–4:45 p.m., on Zoom

Mindfulness, put most simply, is being present with whatever experience we are engaged in, and it is grounded through the five senses. No experience necessary.

Introduction to Covenant Groups
Sunday, January 17, 3:30–5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Sunday, February 28, 3:30–5:00 p.m., on Zoom
A covenant group is a small relational group of about six to twelve members who meet regularly to nurture themselves in a beloved community. Groups offer space for sharing life stories, mutual support, and service.

Introduction to Embodied Spiritual Practices
Sunday, March 21, 3:30–5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Sunday, April 11, 3:30–5:00 p.m., on Zoom
An integration of mind, body, and spirit, embodied practices such as yoga, tai chi, and qigong serve as pathways for spiritual connection and emotional release.

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Sign up via the links in the most recent E-Messenger e-mail.

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