ANNOUNCEMENTS — Dave Rittenhouse

PRELUDE *Prelude in D Minor* (Clif Hardin) — Michele Kelly

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING — Donna Williams

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

TIME FOR ALL — Sara Allegretti

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 — Julie Sutherland

PRAYER/MEDITATION — Rev. Chris

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bright Morning Stars*

Audrey Kuiawa, Avery McElya, Maida Stahler

SERMON *From I to We* — Rev. Chris

CALL FOR THE OFFERING — Lee Minnichelli

OFFERTORY *Elegy for the Arctic* (L. Einaudi) — Michele Kelly

HYMN #1051 *We Are* — 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

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.

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.

#1051 We Are

For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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Annual Fall FUSF Clean Up
TODAY 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!

The Roof, Solar Panels and the Peace Garden

Good news! The work on the roof starts Monday, Nov 9. It is a one day job which will generate noise and dust, so all staff will be working from home. The building will be accessible during the day but it is recommended you plan on using the building on Tuesday instead if at all possible. Evening activities are not affected.

The roof needs to "cure" for a few days, so the solar panel install will start Thursday, November 12 (weather permitting). The solar installation is a 4 - 5 day job (conducted during business days, not over the weekend). The building is accessible during the installation.

For both jobs we ask that you exercise care if on site and respect the work area boundaries, both during construction and after hours.

Our beloved green bench in the Peace Garden has been removed by the Asset Team. It had structural rot and damage which made it unsafe to use. It was not repairable. The Board will discuss where to find the funding needed to replace it. The Board also wants to thank the Asset team for the attention to detail and care with which they tend to our buildings and grounds.

If you have any questions regarding the roof or solar project please see Dave Rittenhouse, Asset Team member. Any questions about Green Bench please see Alec Danz or Mark Minnichelli, co-chairs of the Asset Team.

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, or check the E-Messenger for other drop-off locations.

Upcoming Adult Faith Programming with Rev. Chris

UU 101
Sunday, November 15, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

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.

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More information and sign-up links in the most recent E-Messenger e-mail.

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. Nov. 10, 7 - 9 pm: CPOD Meeting (Foyer)
Thur. Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8 pm: RE Committee (Dana Room)
Sat. Nov. 14, 6 - 9 pm: Game Night
Sun. Nov. 15, 11:30 - 12:30: UU 101 (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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