

New Low-Allergen Scent Policy: PUUC strives to be a low-scent and chemical-free congregation and facility. PUUC asks congregants, staff, and contractual visitors to limit their use of scented products as much as possible and to refrain from using perfumes and colognes.

*Hearing-assistance headsets and large-print hymnals and orders of service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

INGATHERING

All Night, All Day (Otis L. McCoy)

Wade in the Water (African American Spiritual)

Canon in D (Johann Pachelbel)

Handbells of Peterborough

WELCOME

Debbie Bruchez

PRELUDE

Jubilance (Jason Krug, transposed by Sarah Burt) Handbells of Peterborough

CHALICE LIGHTING

(Eric Williams) Barbara Harlow

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Susan Davison Archer) Rev. Shayna Appel

*** SINGING #21**

For the Beauty of the Earth (words, Folliott Sanford Pierpoint; music Conrad Kocher)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(James Vila Blake, adapted) Barbara Harlow

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rhonda Barkley and Anne Fischer

OFFERING

Rev. Shayna Appel

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen, arranged by Ellen Levy)

Handbells of Peterborough

JOYS AND SORROWS PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Shayna Appel

MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

READING

When I am Among the Trees (Mary Oliver, from *Thirst*) Barbara Harlow

*** SINGING #1068**

Rising Green (Carolyn McDade)

SERMON

Lessons From The Wild Side, Rev. Shayna Appel

*** SINGING #1064**

Blue Boat Home (Peter Mayer)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

(Eric Williams, adapted) Barbara Harlow

BENEDICTION

Rev. Shayna Appel


POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Amen (Sarah Burt) Handbells of Peterborough

Our congregation acknowledges that we meet on the ancestral lands of the western Abenaki. We honor their elders past, present, and future and seek wisdom to guide us in healing harm to Indigenous peoples.

*Please rise in body or spirit

*Thank you to all who gathered and all who made gathering possible, more welcoming, more beautiful, or more delicious! Special thanks to **Handbells of Peterborough** (Peggy Brown, director, Sarah Burt, Maryellen Bushnell, Sam Garcia, Susan Garcia, Barbara Harlow, Ellen Levy and Lynn Wahle.)*

The flowers today are given by Pegg Monahan and Harry Wolhandler and dedicated to Victor and Eleanor Wolhandler and Frank and Julie Monahan. 

Covenant of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation

As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace covenant as our foundation and love as our guiding principle. We strive to:

- Welcome, include, and appreciate a diversity of people and ideas
- Listen respectfully, speak honestly and directly, and assume good intentions
- Make decisions and take actions that promote justice and equity
- Support our community through generosity, service, and compassion
- Nurture our spiritual connections to nature and the sacred

When we fall short of our aspirations, we will accept feedback and work to heal harm. We will practice forgiveness and welcome it.

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LESSONS FROM THE WILD SIDE

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