

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

INGATHERING

Melody (Robert Schumann), Jubilance (Jason Krug, transposed by Sarah Burt), and Morning Glory (Brenda E. Austen), played by the Handbells of Peterborough: Barbara Harlow, Susan Garcia, Kate Luce, Sarah Burt, Lynn Wahle, Ellen Levy, Peggy Brown, Mary Ellen Bushnell, David Flemming, and Joy Flemming

WELCOME

Sarah Dengler, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

Redemption (Jason Krug, transposed by Sarah Burt)

CHALICE LIGHTING

(anastasia biros) Maureen Watts

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Shari Woodbury) Rev. Lane

*** SINGING HYMN #354**

We Laugh, We Cry, v. 1 & 4 (Shelley Jackson Denham)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Love is the spirit of this congregation,
and service is its call.

Let this be our covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water (African American spiritual)

JOYS AND SORROWS MOMENT OF SILENCE MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

READING

The One Great Story (Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer
wordwoman.com)

MEDITATION

*** SINGING HYMN**

There Is a Love (Rebecca Ann Parker, words; Elizabeth Norton,
music) [see insert]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lydia Blackmer, Joan Barrows, Jesse Boorman-Padgett, Josephine Chu, Emily Carpenter, Mary Devine, Helen Fields, Mike Lombard, Pegg Monahan, Harry Wolhandler, Tobee Phipps, Elena Prien, Peggy Seale, Chaz Seale, and Timothy Sturk [see insert]

COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

*** SINGING HYMN**

We Shall Be Known (Karisha Longaker) [see insert]

BENEDICTION

(Rev. Lane)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTUDE

Postlude: Go Out With Joy (Amanda Udis-Kessler)

It takes many volunteers to create worship: the Handbells of Peterborough, our faithful tech team, a board member, a worship assistant, ushers, greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers. Let us all thank those who have made our gathering possible today—and, please, welcome our new members! Rev. Lane

PUUC Mission Statement

We nurture a loving, inclusive, spiritual community
embracing all ages;

We witness for our liberal Unitarian Universalist faith
with compassion and generosity;

We serve and inspire the local and global community
through social action and the arts.

As a certified Welcoming Congregation,
we offer a religious home for people of
all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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PETERBOROUGH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE

MAY 18, 2025

WELCOME HOME

WORSHIP LEADER
REV. LANE FISHER

WORSHIP ASSISTANT
MAUREEN WATTS

MUSIC DIRECTOR
MARYBETH HALLINAN

SPECIAL MUSIC
THE HANDBELLS OF PETERBOROUGH

Our Covenant of Membership

Rev. Lane: Today we are gathered in this sacred space and time to celebrate your steps into deeper commitment to this community of thinkers, seekers, activists, and lovers of life. You are choosing this congregation, and this congregation is welcoming you. Will you state your intention, your needs, and your commitment?

NEW MEMBERS (in unison): We have chosen to join our energies with yours and to walk together in this spiritual journey we call life. We arrive with hopes, dreams, fears, and possibilities, wanting to share these and other parts of our lives with you as members of this loving congregation. We offer our hearts, our hands, our gifts, and our resources; we need your welcome, your curiosity, your respect and support, and your blessing.

Rev. Lane: Rhonda Barkley, would you represent our Governing Board by leading our congregation in responding to our new members? The words are in your order of service.

CONGREGATION: We welcome you to membership in our congregation. It is our joy to share our lives, our strengths, and our struggles in this gathered body. Together, we share responsibility for growing in our capacities to love, for embodying our UU values, and for deepening and enriching our individual and collective journeys.

We will support your spiritual and moral growth, as you will for us. We will respect and care for you as full members of the community; we celebrate your presence among us and welcome your participation.

ALL: We face a challenging future with faith in our collective creativity, fed by our individual gifts and our unity. We commit to working and playing together, guided by UU principles and values. We pray for love and wisdom to light our shared journey. May it be so, and amen.

There Is a Love (Rebecca Ann Parker,
words; Elizabeth Norton, music)

There is a love holding me.
There is a love holding all I love.
There is a love holding all
I rest in this love.

There is a love holding us.
There is a love holding all we love.
There is a love holding all.
We rest in this love.

We Shall Be Known (Karisha Longaker)

We shall be known by the company we keep,
by the ones who circle round to tend these fires.
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
the seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth.

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive.
It is time we lead ourselves into the well.
It is time now, and what a time to be alive.
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love.
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Today's flowers are given by Greg and Linda Scerbinski,
wishing all a blessed and happy summer.

The sunflowers on our altar each week remind us to hold the
people of Ukraine--and all who suffer violence war--in
caring, hopes, prayers.



PUUC Calendar

Today
11:30 am, Annual meeting, sanctuary

Monday, May 19
9:30 am, Membership committee, Carll house

Tuesday, May 20
6:00 pm, Governing Board meeting, RE wing

Wednesday, May 21
3:30 pm, Caregivers group, parish hall stage
5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

Thursday, May 22
6:30 pm, Book discussion *Authentic Selves*, Zoom

Friday, May 23
6:00 pm, Music soiree