

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

Voluntary X (E. Power Biggs)

WELCOME

Chase Wilson Roeper

PRELUDE

Love Is at the Center (Emily Joy Goldberg)

TIME FOR ALL AGES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lane Fisher

CHALICE LIGHTING

(William F. Schultz) Barbara Harlow

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

*** SINGING**

As We Carry This Flame Forward (Wesley King, words; William Moore, music attr.) See insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(James Vila Blake, adapted)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

OFFERING OFFERTORY

A Dedication (Lea Morris) UU Peterborough Choir

MEETINGHOUSE BLESSING AND REDEDICATION

See insert

*** SINGING #131**

Love Will Guide Us (Sally Rogers)

SERMON

Home, Sweet Spiritual Home

*** SINGING**

Life Calls Us On (Jason Shelton) See insert

BENEDICTION

(Rev. Tricia Brennan)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Life Calls Us On, reprise (Shelton)

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

In addition to thanking everyone who made the accessible chancel possible and those who supported this morning's service—including Rev. Dr. David Robins for his historical research and the Woodbury family for the fund that filled our sanctuary with flowers—let us hold our religious ancestors in deepest gratitude and carry forward their commitment to a liberal faith.

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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**MEETINGHOUSE REDEDICATION
HOME, SWEET SPIRITUAL HOME**

**WORSHIP LEADER
REV. LANE FISHER
(SHE/HER)**

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE
BARBARA HARLOW
(SHE/HER)**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR
MARYBETH HALLINAN
(SHE/HER)**

Meetinghouse Rededication Ritual

Leader: Our meetinghouse sits on land that surely was part of the traditional hunting and fishing grounds of the western Abenaki people; it later was known as the Finch Orchard. Will you hold humbly and openly these realities: that this land was first inhabited by a people whose spiritual practices centered on the Earth, her creatures, and the forces and cycles of nature and that those inhabitants were driven away by violence? Will you seek ways to heal harm?

Congregation: Yes, we will.

On this holy ground, those who built our meetinghouse expected it to be filled with Spirit and the peace that passes all understanding. Will you honor the generations who labored to sustain this congregation and whose energies reside in these sheltering walls?

Yes, we will.

While believing in the peace of God, our religious ancestors also expected that there would be lively discussions and sometimes deep disagreements under this roof. Today we have diverse understandings of Spirit but agree that the energies and ways of Love bind us in fellowship. Will you look to our covenants as guides for navigating our differences?

Yes, we will.

All: Together we have devoted time, labors, creativity, and funds to make our chancel accessible. We affirm our commitment to welcome people of diverse abilities, experiences, and beliefs.. Together, we will work for the health of the whole and listen for what Love demands of us—in hope that many generations to come will find a spiritual home here.

Life Calls Us On

Jason Shelton

1

Here in rev-'rence now we gather
For the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another
That we journey not alone
Joy and sorrow make us wise,
Kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

2

Words and deeds of those before us
Waken here to keep us strong,
Blend our voices in the chorus
Of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes
Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, Hope calls us on.

3

We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

Unitarian Universalism through these shared values, all centered around **love**:

- **Interdependence:** We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- **Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.
- **Justice:** We work to be diverse, multicultural, Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- **Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world.
- **Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- **Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



As We Carry This Flame Forward

Words: Wesley King, music: attr. William Moore

1

As we carry this flame forward, we hold true to what we know.
As we carry this flame forward, we leave space for us to grow.
This flame represents a place where all are valued, all belong.
With this flame we speak to power, with this flame, we join in song.

2

As we carry this flame forward, hand in hand, we heed the call
to do justice, kindness, mercy, equity, and peace to all.
This flame represents a people found in every faith and creed.
People who commit to serving all their neighbors, and their needs.

3

As we carry this flame forward, it goes with us as a light.
As we carry this flame toward a new world, our future's bright.
This flame represents a promise, one we make with the Divine.

A new world we are creating, we can make tomorrow shine!

