

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

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## **INGATHERING**

"Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte" (Maurice Ravel)

## **WELCOME**

John Saywell, PUUC Governing Board

## **PRELUDE**

"Clair de Lune" (Claude Debussy)

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

#448 In unison (Christine Robinson), Rev. Nancy O. Arnold

We gather this hour as people of faith,  
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs,  
We light this beacon of hope,  
sign of our quest for truth and meaning,  
in celebration of the life we share together.

## **CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

"We Meet on Holy Ground" (Richard S. Gilbert)

## **\* SINGING HYMN #163**

"For the Earth Forever Turning" (Fred Kaan)

## **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.

(James Vila Blake, adapted) Beverly Spiro

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

"I Shall Not Live in Vain" (lyrics, Emily Dickinson; music, Ruth Morris Gray) PUUC Choir

## **JOYS AND SORROWS**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123**

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade)

## **READINGS**

From *The Gift of Change* (Marianne Williamson)

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

from Daily Word, October 31, 2014 (see insert)

## **SERMON**

"Change is Inevitable, Growth is Optional"

## **\* SINGING HYMN #348**

"Guide My Feet" traditional African American spiritual

## **BENEDICTION**

"Spirit of the Pioneer" (Rev. Melvin Hoover)

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Fugue in G" (J.S. Bach)

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\*You are invited to rise

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  
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#### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**CHANGE IS INEVITABLE,  
GROWTH IS OPTIONAL**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
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## RESPONSIVE READING

When we stand at the end of one life experience –  
the conclusion of a job or relationship, moving  
away from home, graduating from school, or  
retiring from a career – we remember that every  
ending is also a beginning.

*Saying goodbye to what has been, we  
welcome what will be.*

We may be tempted to keep looking back, but  
once we turn our eyes to the path ahead, we find  
new opportunities awaiting us.

*We are beginning a new phase of life, a new  
way of fulfilling our purpose, a new way of serving  
God and the world.*

In truth, we don't leave anything behind; we carry  
it with us.

*As we bless our past, we build on all we have  
learned and continue on our life's unfolding  
journey.*

Masks are strongly recommended and are available from  
the ushers.

The flowers this Sunday are given by Darline and Stewart  
Harris.

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

## PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, February 11**

12:30 pm, UU & U class, parish hall stage

### **Monday, February 12**

10:30 am, Membership Committee, Carll house

### **Tuesday, February 13**

2:45 pm, Accessibility Group, parish hall stage

6:00 pm, Meditation Group, parish hall stage

### **Wednesday, February 14**

5:30 pm, Community Supper, dining room

7:00 pm, Finance meeting, Carll house

### **Thursday, February 15**

4:00 pm, Property Committee, zoom

### **Friday, February 16**

6:30 pm, Kirtan, parish hall

### **Sunday, February 18**

10:15 am, Sunday Service

12:30 pm, UU & U class, parish hall stage