

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

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## **INGATHERING**

Sonatina Op. 20, No 1 (Friedrich Kuhlau)

## **WELCOME**

Rhonda Barkley, PUUC Governing Board

## **PRELUDE**

Winter Calls a Clear Horizon (Jan Harmon) Kellie DiLoreto and Marybeth Hallinan

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

(Martin Luther King, Jr.) Mike Lambert

## **CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, wordwoman.com) Rev. Lane

## **\* SINGING #153**

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning (African American spiritual)

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(James Vila Blake, adapted)

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Anchor Me (Marybeth Hallinan)

## **JOYS AND SORROWS**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE #123**

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)



## **RESPONSIVE READING**

A Network of Mutuality (Martin Luther King, Jr.) see insert

## **MEDITATION**

### **\* SINGING #155**

Circle 'Round for Freedom (Linda Hirschhorn)

## **SERMON**

The Opposite of Fear Is Freedom

### **\* SINGING**

The Tide is Rising (Rabbi Shoshona Meira Friedman) see insert

## **CLOSING WORDS**

(Wayne B. Arnason)

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

(Elizabeth Selle Jones)

## **POSTLUDE**

The Tide is Rising (Rabbi Shoshona Meira Friedman) see insert

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

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Each week, worship in our “new” venue gets smoother. Great thanks to all who have been part of this process, from usher to closers, from choir to Zoom congregants. Together, we create circles of love and meaning.

*Rev. Lane*

## 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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**JANUARY 18, 2026**

**THE OPPOSITE OF FEAR IS FREEDOM**

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

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE**  
**MIKE LAMBERT**  
(HE/HIM)

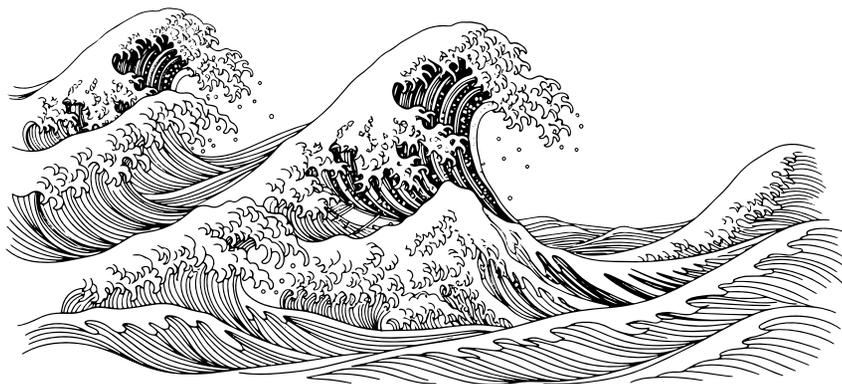
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**MARYBETH HALLINAN**  
(SHE/HER)

**HYMN LEADER**  
**KELLIE DILORETO**  
(SHE/HER)

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(Rabbi Shoshona Meira Friedman)

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- v. 2 The task is mighty, and so are we...
- v. 3 The storm is raging, and so are we...
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(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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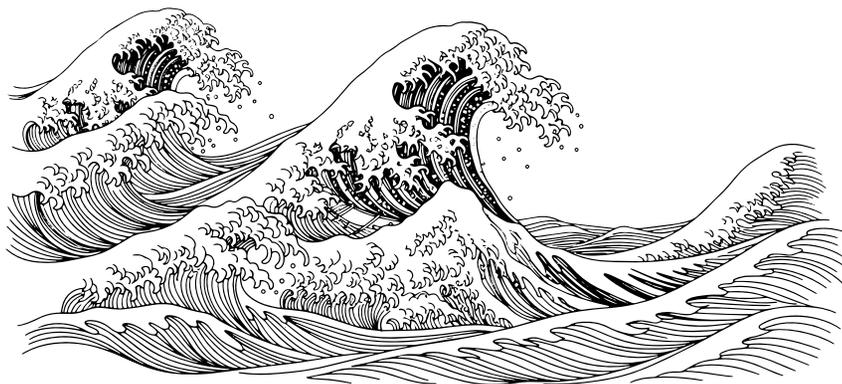
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L: We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.

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