

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

INGATHERING

Für Elise (Ludwig Von Beethoven)

WELCOME

Anna Aasgaard, Governing Board member

PRELUDE

Come Gather 'Round (Hap Palmer)

CHALICE LIGHTING

Different Yet United (Pat Uribe-Lichty) Steve James

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Steve James

CALL TO WORSHIP

We Meet on Holy Ground (Richard S. Gilbert) Rev. Lane

*** SINGING #1000**

Morning Has Come (Jason Shelton)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(James Vila Blake, adapted)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Dottie Bauer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Spirit Made a Place for You (Melanie DeMore) UU
Peterborough Choir

MEDITATION

REFLECTION

Budding and Blossoming

*** SINGING**

We Belong to One Another (words, Amanda Udis-Kessler;
music, John Wyeth) See insert.

RITUAL OF MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Karen Broemme, Stephanie Cox-Suarez & Del
Friedman, Sara Hardy-Baloun, Mathias Kainrath

COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

See insert.

*** SINGING #354**

We Laugh, We Cry, vs. (words & music, Shelley Jackson
Denham; harmony Betsy Jo Angebrannt)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Let Us Be That Circle (Craig Rowland)

POSTLUDE

This Boat (Laura Zucker)

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

Blessings upon those who have chosen today to become committed members of our congregation and all who have helped to build the way for them. Thanks to every single person who contributed to this morning's worship hour. Blessed be!
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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Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church



MARCH 22, 2026

BUDDING AND BLOSSOMING

WORSHIP LEADER
REV. LANE FISHER
(SHE/HER)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT
STEVE JAMES
(HE/HIM)

MUSIC DIRECTOR
MARYBETH HALLINAN
(SHE/HER)

The flowers this Sunday are given by Phil Jones in memory of the Reverend Arthur Whitney, 1878-1950, who served as our minister throughout the war years, 1941-1946. 🌸

COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Lane: Friends, 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 those who have just joined state your intention, your needs, and your commitment? Sue will lead you from the floor mic so that our folks on Zoom can hear you.

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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.

Lane: Anna Aasgaard, would you, as a member of our Governing Board, lead the congregation in responding to our new members? The words are in your order of service. Please read them with Anna.

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 values and our covenant. We pray for love and wisdom to light our shared journey. May it be so, and amen.

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.



We Belong to One Another

(words, Amanda Udis-Kessler; music: John Wyeth)

We belong to one another. To each other we are bound as we build a world together full of joy that we have found. What we are we owe to others. When they need us, we respond. We belong to one another and we hold a common bond.

We rely on one another at the dawning of our days when we learn from those around us how to live in loving ways.

As we grow, we need each other and the gifts that we can share.

As our lives come to their ending, how we need each other's care.

We give thanks for one another, for each heart and hand and face.

We are grateful for the blessings that infuse our lives with grace.

May we offer our abundance. As we're given, may we give.

In our thanks for one another, may we help each other live.