

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



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
VOICES OF JUSTICE AND LOVE**

WORSHIP LEADER

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(HE/HIM)

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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

Kum Ba Yah African American Spiritual arr. Adolphus Hailstork

WELCOME

Barbara Harlow

PRELUDE

Adagio on Hyfrydol Trad. Welsh Hymn Tune arr. Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

RESPONSE 1

We come together in the spirit of Love— the Love that draws us toward one another, the Love that refuses to let another person’s suffering become someone else’s problem.

CHALICE LIGHTING

and Witness to our values: Del Friedman

RESPONSE 2

We honor the interdependent web of existence. We know that what happens to one of us eventually touches all of us.

*** SINGING**

Blowing In the Wind, Bob Dylan, verse 1

How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind



Saturday, October 3, 2026

Noon–1:00 pm: Drop-In Guided Building Tours
Explore historical displays and enjoy refreshments.

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING PUUC MUSICIANS

1:00–1:30 pm: Carol Hamilton
Pipe organ performance and demonstration.

1:30–2:00 pm: Maple TreeO
Old favorites including jazz, classic Celtic, and familiar songs, featuring flute, bassoon, and guitar.

2:00–2:30 pm: Tony Brinsdon
Classical piano.

2:30–3:00 pm: Marybeth Hallinan
Vocals and piano selections from her new CD release.

3:00–3:15 pm: PUUC Choir
Sing-along concert.

3:15–4:00 pm: Drop-In Guided Building Tours
Explore historical displays and enjoy refreshments.

7:00 pm–10:00 pm: Through the Ages Dance
Dance through the decades with DJ Ray Ray in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, October 4
Anniversary Cake: Will be served during community hour.

*** SINGING #1021**
Lean On Me by Bill Withers

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Knowing how quickly the flame of truth may be extinguished,
Let us be vigilant in faith,
Keep peace in our hearts,
And make care for one another
The watchword of our lives.

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Don't Feel Noways Tired African American Spiritual arr.
Adolphus Hailstork

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

*The flowers this morning are given by Joan Barrows in honor of
her mother, Lois Hunt, who died one year ago in August...she got
me started on zinnias*



CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
and Witness to our Values Stephanie Cox Suarez

RESPONSE 3

We welcome difference. We listen with curiosity. We honor
experiences different from our own. We seek truth together,
knowing that none of us has a monopoly on it.

*** SINGING**

Blowing In the Wind, Bob Dylan, verse 2

Yes, and how many years must a mountain exist before it is washed
to the sea?

Yes, and how many years can some people exist before they're
allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head and pretend that
he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind The answer is blowin'
in the wind

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

and Witness to our values: Mary Vallier-Kaplan

RESPONSE 4

We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person.
We seek justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.
We will work to dismantle racism and oppression wherever they
take root— including where they take root within ourselves.

JOYS AND SORROWS

and Witness to our values: Diana Feige

MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

RESPONSE 5

We will practice compassion without surrendering justice.
We will seek accountability without surrendering love.
We will remember that every human being has the right to
flourish.

OFFERING

and Witness to our values: Todd Herrmann

*** SINGING**

Blowing In the Wind, Bob Dylan, verse 3

Yes, and how many times must a man look up before he can see the sky?

Yes, and how many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry?

Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows that too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind. The answer is blowin' in the wind

RESPONSE 6

We will remain open to transformation.

We will grow spiritually and ethically.

We will seek truth with humility and change when new understanding calls us to change.

WITNESSES TO OUR VALUES

Joel Huberman

RESPONSE 7

We will be peacemakers.

We will build bridges without pretending that injustice does not exist.

We will seek reconciliation without requiring silence.

We will work for a world community grounded in peace, liberty, justice, and love.

*** SINGING**

Turn, Turn, Turn

1) To everything
(Turn, turn, turn)

There is a season
(Turn, turn, turn)

And a time for every purpose
under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to
die

A time to plant, a time to
reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to
weep

2) To everything
(Turn, turn, turn)

There is a season
(Turn, turn, turn)

And a time for every purpose
under Heaven

A time to build up, a time to
break down

A time to dance, a time to
mourn

A time you may embrace, a time

to refrain from embracing

3) To everything

(Turn, turn, turn)

There is a season

(Turn, turn, turn)

And a time for every purpose
under Heaven

A time to gain, a time to lose

A time to rend, a time to sew

A time of love, a time of hate

A time for peace, I swear it's
not too late

RESPONSE 8

We will give what we can.

We will share our time, our wisdom, our resources, and our presence.

We will cultivate hope—not because the future is guaranteed, but because hope gives us the courage to act.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 9

Love is at the center.

From Love comes Interdependence.

From Love comes Pluralism and Justice.

From Love comes Transformation and Generosity.

From Love comes Equity.

RESPONSE 10

Blessed are those who hunger for justice.

Blessed are those who practice mercy.

Who make peace. Who welcome difference. Who give generously.

Blessed are those who allow themselves to be transformed.

Who know that none of us is separate.

Blessed are those who love.

For this is our work. And this is our hope. And this is our faith: that Love can become action, that action can become justice, that justice can become community, and that together we can help make the world a little more whole.