

# Order of Service

Sunday, November 8, 2009

10:30 a.m.

## Gathering Music

Scott Ward

\***Processional Hymn # 347**     *Gather the Spirit*

## \*Invocation

The Rev. Barbara H. Gadon

## ◆Welcome and Announcements

### Unison Affirmation

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.  
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.  
The search for truth is our constant star.  
We pledge our hearts, minds and hands:  
To challenge injustice with courage;  
To find hope in times of fear;  
And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values every day  
as a beloved community.  
Thus do we covenant with each other and with all that is sacred in life.

### Lighting the Chalice of Our Tradition *(In Unison)*

We light this chalice  
For the warmth of Love  
For the light of Truth  
For the energy of Action.

## Response

*Anyone Can Whistle* – by S. Sondheim     S. Ward

## ◆Child Dedication

Carter Riley Sugzdinis  
Logan Rowland Sugzdinis

## Congregational Response (unison reading)

We, as the members of First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, welcome these children to our church family. We pledge our affection, interest, and concern for their growth in fellowship.

As members one with another, we affirm our desire to provide a church school of quality, to encourage the religious quest of all ages, and to engender a respect for the dignity of human life. May our precept enable us to share with these parents as a part of their children's search for widening knowledge, genuine understanding, and unfolding love.

◆**Departing Blessing**     *For You Shall Go Out* – T. Benjamin  
*(See insert for music. The song will be played through once, then sung twice.)*  
At this time, children and teachers depart to their classrooms.

## Ancient Reading

*The Gospel of John*

Rev. Gadon

## ◆Offertory

*Not While I'm Around* – by S. Sondheim

S. Ward

## Modern Reading

## \*Pastoral Hymn # 101

*Abide with Me*

## Meditation and Prayer

Rev. Gadon

## Silence

## Prayers of the People

## Music for Meditation

*Abide with Me* – by S. Sondheim

S. Ward

## Sermon

“**What to Do About Lazarus**”     The Rev. Barbara H. Gadon

## \*Closing Hymn #108

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

## \*Benediction

Rev. Gadon

## \*Extinguishing the Chalice

## Postlude

*Send In The Clowns* – by S. Sondheim

S. Ward

*(Please be seated through the end of the Postlude)*

## Greeting One Another – *Turn and greet your neighbor with radical hospitality!*

\* *Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.*

◆ *Ushers will welcome late-comers into the service at this time.*



Today we dedicate into love and service:  
Carter Riley Sugzdinis and Logan Rowland Sugzdinis,  
sons of Melissa and Ed Sugzdinis

The flowers this morning are given by Connie Cluff in memory of her parents,  
Bruce and Gertrude Sockman, and her grandma Emma Sockman.

About this morning's music: This morning we celebrate the thought provoking  
words and music by Stephen Sondheim. Sondheim is one of the most prolific  
Broadway composers of the 20th century.



**Today's Volunteers:**

- OFFICE:** Rita McWhorter  
**GREETERS:** Dee Burdash, Barbara Lenahan, Suzanne Perry  
**USHERS:** Peggy Cairncross, Eleanore Morrow, Jenn Phillips, Jackie Watson  
**WELCOME TABLE:** Barbara Marrs  
**BOOSTER CARDS:** Suzanne Proud  
**BOOK CORNER:** Debbe Krape  
**COFFEE HOUR:** The Denominational Growth Committee hosts coffee hour today.  
**FIRST U LIBRARY:** Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the RE wing.

**Sunday: Adult Religious Exploration**

Join our Sunday morning lecture series **“Religions of the Axial Age; An Approach to the World's Religions.”** Our lecture series and discussion on the Axial Age (800-200 B.C.E.) and the faiths it spawned continues:

Nov 15: “The World of Confucius”

Join us at 9:30a.m. in Brunner Chapel as we discuss this creative and influential era and how its developments continue to impact our spiritual lives.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** November 15:

**“It Could Never Happen Here”** The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder: There are many different ways to think of social action or social justice. What compels Unitarian Universalism to put social action at the heart of our faith? Social action is not only something done “out there to them.” We do it for us too, for the inner transformation such activities cultivate. The recipients of that action can be closer than you realize.



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