

Order of Service
May 28, 2023
“Animal Blessing”
Led by the Caro Barschow

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director
Ringing the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Charlotte Cardone

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice lighting Emma Rearick
“The Calling of the Creatures” by Ian W. Riddell
Opening Hymn: “*Dear Weavers of Our Lives’ Design*” Hymn #22
(words: Nancy C. Dorian; music: Nikolaus Herman; harmonized: J.S. Bach)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Introducing Animal Blessing Caro Barschow
Adapted from words by Tracy Sprowls-Jenks
Wonderbox Charlotte Cardone, Emma Rearick,
Caro Barschow
Outreach Offering: Grow Nashua Brenna Woods
Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach
Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church
(603) 945-2859
Or give online at <https://uunashua.org/give/donate/>
Offertory: “*Ode to Joy*” Video
Response: “*From You I Receive*” Hymn #402
Caring Candles Caro Barschow & Jim Woolsey
Text: 910-807-3851
Silent Reflection
Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Reading/Meditation

“We Give Thanks for the Animals” by Gary Kowalski

Emma Rearick

Anthem: “*Bless the Beasts and Children*”

(words & music: Barry DeVorzon & Perry Botkin Jr.; arr.: Audrey Snyder)

UU Nashua Choir

Animal Blessing Ceremony

Caro Barschow, Emma Rearick &
Charlotte Cardone

Animal Companionship Responsive Blessing

Words by Rev. Karen G. Johnson

RETURN TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “*(All God’s Critters Gotta) Place in the Choir*”

(words & music: Bill Staines)

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Words by Fyodor Dostoevsky, Russian Novelist

Sonrisa O’Toole

Song for Parting: “Peace & Joy”

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director