

**Order of Service**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**“Embodying an Invitational Faith”**  
**Led by: Rev. Allison Palm**  
**UU Nashua Musicians: Jed Holland, Music Director: Piano**

**GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director  
Ringing the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Rev. Allison Palm

**CENTERING**

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Julia Firmbach & Paulie C.  
“Chalice lighting on Belonging” by Rev. Karen LeBlanc

Opening Hymn: “*Enter, Rejoice & Come In*” Hymn #361  
(words & music: Louise Ruspini; arr.: Betty A. Wylder)

**SHARING IN COMMUNITY**

Welcome, In This Season of Return Rev. Sofia Betancourt, video

Wonderbox Sadie Kahn-Greene & Paulie C.

Congregational Song: “*As You Go*”  
(words & music: Kathleen Tracy)

Outreach Offering: NH Council of Churches Anne Smith

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Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church  
(603) 945-2859

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Jed Holland  
Hymn #402

Offertory: Instrumental

Response: “*From You I Receive*”

Caring Candles Erin Scott & Moe Daniels

Silent Reflection

Response: “*Spirit of Life*”

Hymn #123

Special Music: “*Sacred Space*”

(words & music: India.Arie)

Brenna Woods  
Mike Cooper, guitar

**GOING DEEPER**

Words for Reflection Julia Firmbach

Anthem: “ <i>Belong</i> ” (words: Marisha Chamberlain; music: Jocelyn Hagen)	UU Nashua Choir
Sermon	Rev. Allison Palm
<b>RETURN TO SERVICE IN LIFE</b>	
Closing Hymn: “ <i>When I am Frightened</i> ” (words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham, arr.: Jeannie Gagné)	Hymn #1012
Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing	Rev. Allison Palm
Song for Parting: “Peace & Joy” (words & music: Kathy Grossman)	
Postlude	Jed Holland, Music Director

### Notes for our In-person Attendees

**MASKS & COVID VACCINATIONS as of March 2023:** Masks are optional and vaccinations are strongly encouraged. *If you test positive for Covid-19 within 5 days of attending service, please inform the Church Office at [uucnoffice@uunashua.org](mailto:uucnoffice@uunashua.org)*

**CARING CANDLES:** If you have a joy or sorrow to share, you can fill out a Candle Card (on the welcome tables) and give it to a Greeter or Staff member prior to the start of the service. You can also Text your Joy/Concern to 910-807-3851. Please include your name.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP ROOM (Room 8):** Available most Sundays from 9:50-11am for any children, especially young children, to play and meet church caregivers that are both volunteers and staff. The worship service is streamed into this classroom, offering young and old a chance to hear the music and words of the service in a setting that might better meet the needs of young, active or nervous children. Please reach out to Sadie Kahn-Greene if you have questions or would like to help volunteer in this space.

**FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOPS (Room 6,7,8 & CHAPEL):** We offer workshop choices for children and jr youth *2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month*. Visit the Faith Formation table by the entrance to the sanctuary for more information.

**FAMILY CORNER:** A space with rugs, rocking chairs, floor chairs and quiet toys in the sanctuary for families with young children. This is a space available during worship for families with younger children to best meet the needs of our families and our multigenerational community.

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING:** There are 6 dedicated accessible parking spaces inside the gate in the Grove St. parking lot. Access these spaces on the east side of our facility; approach from Whitney St. and turn south on Grove St., a one-way street down to Canal St.

