

Order of Service

April 21, 2024

“Why Live Free or Die Doesn’t Work”

Led by Rev. Allison Palm

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Gary Finger, Pianist

Ringing the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Rev. Allison Palm

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

Dick Widhu & Nora E.

Drawn Together, by Jennifer Gracen

Opening Hymn: “*Blue Boat Home*”

Hymn #1064

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Wonderbox

Rev. Allison Palm & Nora E., &
Friends

Adapted from "The Grumpy Gecko" in *The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales* by Dawn Casey and Anne Wilson (Cambridge: Barefoot Books, 2009)

Congregational Song: “*As You Go*”

(words & music by Kathleen Tracey)

Anthem: “*We Are One*”

UU Nashua Choir

(words & music: Brian Tate)

Outreach Offering: NH Queer Farmer Network

Anne Smith

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:

Offertory: Instrumental

Gary Finger, Pianist

Response: “*From You I Receive*”

Hymn #402

Caring Candles

Rev. Allison Palm & Laurie Barry

Silent Reflection

Response: “*Spirit of Life*”

Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Words for Reflection

Dick Widhu

“To the people who have mistaken freedom for liberation”

by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Anthem: “*He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother*”

UU Nashua Choir

(words: Bobby Scott; arr.: John Coates Jr.; words: Bob Russell)

Sermon

Rev. Allison Palm

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: *“Our World Is One World”*

Hymn #134

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Rev. Allison Palm

A Variation on Deuteronomy 6:11

By the Rev. Peter Raible

Song for Parting: *“Peace & Joy”*

(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Gary Finger, Pianist

Notes for our In-person Attendees

MASKS & COVID VACCINATIONS: 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*

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 through May*. 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.