

*Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.
Please let us know how else we can make worship more accessible.*

INGATHERING *Up Above My Head* (traditional), arr. Adam Podd,
performed by the First Unitarian Brooklyn Choir, with Kiena
Williams

WELCOME Mark Beal, PUUC Governing Board president

PRELUDE *Intermezzo, Op. 118. No. 2*, Brahms Tony Brinsdon

CHALICE LIGHTING words by Leia Durland-Jones Bryan Field

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lane Fisher with words by Kimberlee Anne
Tomczak Carlson

*SINGING HYMN #389 *Gathered Here*, Philip A. Porter

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH by James Vila Blake, adapted
Love is the spirit of this congregation,
and service is its call.
Let this be our covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE Chase Wilson Roeper

OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Colored Leaves, Op. 99, No. 1*, by Schumann

TIME FOR ALL AGES *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes, read by “Auntie’s
Bedtime Stories”

*SINGING HYMN #1002 *Comfort Me*, Mimi Bornstein-Doble

SERMON “Gathered Here” Rev. Lane Fisher

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Gary Bonhiver, Eve Cimino, Bob Eckert,
Jane Eckert, Sheri Davis O’Brien, Amy Riley, Tim Riley, Barbara Warren
and Jim Van Valkenburgh

Led by Jill Shaffer Hammond, vice president; Susan Stanbury, Member-
ship Committee chair, and Rev. Lane (see insert for words)

*SINGING HYMN #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*, Shelley Jackson Denham

JOYS AND SORROWS

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123 *Spirit of Life* by Carolyn McDade

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE words by Vanessa Williams, adapted

POSTLUDE *Bagatelle, Op. 126, No. 5*, Beethoven

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Tony Brinsdon has been playing the piano since the age of 6 and in-
termittently thereafter. He has benefited from instruction from four
teachers—currently, Vladimir Odinokikh of Keene State College. In
September he will give a public concert to benefit PUUC, his second
such gift. At present, Tony is especially drawn to music by Schubert,
Schumann, and Bach.*

*We are grateful to all who made this service possible: our welcoming
board member, Mark Beal; worship associate, Bryan Field; guest mu-
sician, Tony Brinsdon; greeter, Julie Flood Page; ushers, Marsha and
Ed Morrow; and tech team, Sarah Dengler and Mark Beal. We thank
Sue and Doug Copley for altar flowers, given in honor of the beloved
son, DeWitt, who died in 1996. We also thank Susan Stanbury and
the Membership Committee for helping our new people grow roots,
and Jill Shaffer Hammond for leading our formal welcome to them.
We are especially grateful to each new member for enriching our
community. Namasté.*

Sunflowers are present during worship each week to express PUUC's concerns, prayers and hopes for the people of Ukraine. We join in solidarity with them.

We nurture a loving, inclusive, spiritual community embracing all ages;

We witness for our liberal Unitarian Universalist faith with compassion and generosity;

We serve and inspire the local and global community through social action and the arts.

As a certified Welcoming Congregation, we offer a religious home for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

As a certified Green Sanctuary, we seek to minimize our impact on the earth in our purchases, practices, energy use, and recycling.

Calendar

Mon May 23	3:30 pm	Care Network ~ CH
	5:00 pm	Connections Conversation ~ Zoom
Wed May 24	12:00 pm	Book Group ~ Zoom
	7:00 pm	Social Justice Committee ~Zoom
Fri May 27	6:30 pm	Music Soiree ~ PH
Sun May 22	10:15 am	Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary

CH: Carll House PH: Parish Hall

Minister.....Rev. Lane Fisher
Church Office Administrator.....Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla
Custodian.....Paul Barnes

Rest rooms are located beside the elevator and downstairs.

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Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church



May 22, 2022

Gathered Here

*Worship Leader: Rev. Lane Fisher
Worship Associate: Bryan Field
Guest Musician: Tony Brinsdon*

Covenant:

MINISTER: Today we are gathered in this sacred space and time to celebrate your steps into deeper commitment to this community of thinkers, seekers, activists, and lovers of life. You are choosing this congregation, and this congregation is welcoming you. Will you state your intention, your needs, and your commitment?

NEW MEMBERS (in unison): We have come to you to join our good names, our strong hearts, and our free will with yours. We arrive with hopes and dreams and fears and possibilities, wanting to share these and other parts of our lives with you, our chosen spiritual community. We offer you our hearts, our hands, our gifts, and our resources; we need your welcome, your respect and support, and your blessing.

CONGREGATION (led by Jill Shaffer Hammond): We welcome you to membership in our congregation, and we bless your presence among us. It is our joy to share our lives, our strengths, and our struggles in this gathered body. Together, we share responsibility for deepening and enriching our individual and collective spiritual journeys and for embodying our UU principles in our larger communities.

We will nurture you and foster your spiritual, religious, and moral development, as you will for us.

We will respect and care for you as full members of the community; we welcome your participation and celebrate your presence among us.

ALL: With Unitarian Universalist principles guiding us, our individual uniqueness *and* our unity feed our collective creativity. We are glad to have chosen this faith, and we are glad to be together. We pray for love and wisdom to light our shared journey. May it be so, and amen.

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