

PUUC Mission Statement

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.



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WHAT WE NEED IS HERE

Easter Sunday

MARCH

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*Peterborough Unitarian
Universalist Congregation*

25 Main St
Peterborough, NH

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. LANE FISHER
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: BARBARA HARLOW
GUEST MUSICIAN: CAROL HAMILTON
INTERN CHOIR DIRECTOR: SIMON FURZE

Sunday Service

10:15 AM

INGATHERING

“Sonatas for Trio” (Arcangelo Corelli)

Ron Levy, Violin; David Flemming, Flute; Joy Flemming, Bassoon; Carol Hamilton, Organ

WELCOME

Rhonda Barkley, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

“Les Cloches” *The Bells* (Nicolas Le Bègue)

CHALICE LIGHTING

(Fisher) read by Barbara Harlow

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“How Easter Got Its Name” Rev. Lane

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Evin Carvill Ziemer)

*SINGING HYMN #61

“Lo, the Earth Awakes Again” (Samuel Longfellow, words; music arr. Lyra Davidica)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Love is the spirit of this congregation,
and service is its call.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love
And to help one another.

(James Vila Blake, adapted)

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Closer to the Flame” (words: Susan Bentall Boersma, music: David Lantz III) Choir

JOYS AND SORROWS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

#123 “Spirit of Life” (Carolyn McDade)

READING I

(Rob McCall)

READING II

from *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire* (Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker)

READING III

from “The Wild Geese” (Wendell Berry)

MEDITATIVE HYMN

“What We Need Is Here” (Amy McCreath, melody)

SERMON

“What We Need Is Here” Rev. Lane

*SINGING HYMN #1028

“Fire of Commitment” (Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton, words; J. Shelton, music)

CLOSING WORDS

(Victoria Weinstein)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

The Easter Hymn
(setting by Healey Willan,
Concordia Publishing)



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