

Low-Allergen Scent Policy: PUUC strives to be a low-scent and chemical-free congregation and facility. PUUC asks congregants, staff, and contractual visitors to limit their use of scented products as much as possible and to refrain from using perfumes and colognes.

*Hearing-assistance headsets and large-print hymnals and orders of service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

INGATHERING

Swimming to the Other Side (Pat Humphries)

WELCOME

Seth McGovern

PRELUDE

Welcome Home (Marybeth Hallinan)

CHALICE LIGHTING

The Spirit of Water (Katie Sivani Gelfand) Maureen Watts

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Jane Eckert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Beginning (Dr. David Breeden) Rev. Lane

*** SINGING**

Joy in the Morning (Adam Podd)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(James Vila Blake, adapted)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

To Sing With You Is Home (Bret Hesla) UU Peterborough
Choir

JOYS AND SORROWS

MUSICAL RESPONSE #1023

#123 Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

READING

My Song (Wendell Berry)

READING

Reward (Denise Levertov)

MEDITATION

*** SINGING**

The River Is Flowing (Source unknown) see insert

WATER COMMUNION

A Visual Meditation

REFLECTION

How Sweet the Morning!

*** SINGING #1064**

Blue Boat Home (Peter Mayer, words; Roland Hugh Prichard, music; Jason Shelton, keyboard arr.)

CLOSING WORDS

(Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer; wordwoman.com)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Welcome Home, reprise (Marybeth Hallinan)

Our congregation acknowledges that we meet on the ancestral lands of the western Abenaki. We honor their elders past, present, and future and seek wisdom to guide us in healing harm to Indigenous peoples.

*Please rise in body or spirit

Thank you to those who enlivened PUUC during summer, everyone who sent water photos, and all who supported our worship hour today in other ways. It is so good to be together again!

Rev. Lane

Covenant of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation

As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace covenant as our foundation and love as our guiding principle. We strive to:

- Welcome, include, and appreciate a diversity of people and ideas
- Listen respectfully, speak honestly and directly, and assume good intentions
- Make decisions and take actions that promote justice and equity
- Support our community through generosity, service, and compassion
- Nurture our spiritual connections to nature and the sacred

When we fall short of our aspirations, we will accept feedback and work to heal harm. We will practice forgiveness and welcome it.

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Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

HOW SWEET THE MORNING

WORSHIP LEADER
REV. LANE FISHER
(SHE/HER)

MUSIC DIRECTOR
MARYBETH HALLINAN
(SHE/HER)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT
MAUREEN WATTS
(SHE/HER)

HYMN LEADER
KELLY DILORETO
(SHE/HER)

The flowers this morning are given by Marina and Don MacIntosh with gratitude for the caring and supportive PUUC Community.

Joy in the Morning

(Adam Podd)

We'll find joy in the mornin'
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In the mornin' we'll find joy.

We find hope in our children
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Hope in our children
In our children we find hope.

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The river is flowing, flowing and growing.
The river is flowing down to the sea.
Mother Earth carry me; your child I'll always be.
Mother Earth carry me down to the sea. (Repeat)



Last Call for WindowDressers: This week is your last chance to order Window Dressers inserts this year! Take a cost-effective step to cut heating losses in your home. See Jonathan Gourlay after the service in Parish Hall.

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Explore historical displays and enjoy refreshments.

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Classical piano.

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Anniversary Cake: Will be served during community hour.

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Interdependence: We honor the independent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

Pluralism: We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse, multicultural, Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.

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