

**The First Religious Society in Carlisle
Unitarian Universalist**

What is Revealed When the Leaves Fall?

October 15, 2017 Order of Service, 10:00 am

*Asterisks indicate that the congregation will stand as able in body or in spirit

Prelude Prière Charles-Valentin Alkan

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Opening Remarks The Reverend Lisa Mobayed

***Hymn No. 163 For the Earth, Forever Turning**

***Chalice Lighting** (spoken in unison) The Berlinski family: Jill, Mike, Amelia and Adeline
*May the light of this flame illuminate lives and strivings of the spirit.
May it heal misunderstandings and strengthen love.*

***Covenant of the Congregation** (spoken in unison)

*Love is the doctrine of this church;
The quest for truth is our sacrament;
And service is our prayer.
To dwell together in peace;
To seek knowledge in freedom;
To serve humanity in friendship;
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine--
Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.*

Story Pam Howell, Director of Religious Education

Children's Recessional

*Go your way in peace; wander as you may.
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.
Comfort find in truth; may your struggles cease.
May the fire within your heart light the way of peace.**

*Music & lyrics by Jim Scott, adapted from Mozart. ©2005 Jim Scott (SESAC)

Candles of Community Rev. Mobayed
A time to share the prayer on your heart

Prayer Rainer Maria Rilke

Choral Response *Whatsoever Things are Pure and Just* Betty Wylder
Whatsoever things are pure and just, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are filled with praise, think on these things. Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever is of good report, if there be any virtue, think on these things.

Offering: Shared today with the I-Fund at REACH
(see announcements for more information)

Offertory Anthem Eitz Chayim Hi Samuel Naumbourg

***Doxology No. 403**
Spirit of truth, of life, of power, we bring ourselves as gifts to thee:
O, bind our hearts this sacred hour in faith and hope and charity.

Reading "The Spirit of Trees" Lisa Mahon

***Hymn No. 11 O God of Stars and Sunlight**

Sermon "What is Revealed When the Leaves Fall?" Rev. Mobayed

Silent Meditation

***Hymn No. 1052 (teal book) The Oneness of Everything**

***Benediction** John Muir

Choral Response Dresden Amen Traditional

Chalice Extinguishing (spoken in unison)
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Fugue in B-flat Major G. F. Handel

Greeter: Frank Rigg
Verger: Christine Lear
Coffee Hour comestibles: Congregants with last names X-C

Accessibility: The elevator to all three floors of the building is located in the hallway through the door next to the pulpit. Personal hearing devices are available on tables at the back of the Sanctuary.

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A Welcoming Congregation

Today in Religious Education

Little's (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler and adult, Alex Chen.

K-Ones (K-1st Grades)- with Brianna Neptune and Adult, Mike Berlinski. - K/1- JYG

Buddies - Visiting the JYG as they work on their CropWalk Banner then singing with Pam in the Middles.

Middles (2nd-5th Grades)- with Pam Howell, Holly West and Rachel Bryan - UU

Curriculum - Moral Tales

JYG - (6,7,8th Grades) - with teen leaders: Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, Crop Walk Banner....Adult Helper, Joe Jancek

NYG - 6-7pm -Teen Cook: Indian Food), 7-8:30 Cornfield Hide and Seek - bring a flashlight, 8:45-9pm Peaceful Silence - with Pam, Kate Sacco and Mark Howell

After-School Tuesday/Thursdays Meditative Practices, 3:15-4pm -Red Balloon- Until 10/26.

All ages welcome. We share a spiritual practice and play in a centering way.

Save these Dates:

October 22 - Crop Walk from 1:30-3pm.

Come join the JYG as they walk to end hunger. All ages are welcome to walk with our JYG and see them show their banner to the world - Come to First Parish in Concord even if only to see them shine.

October 29 - Halloween Sunday -

Costumes in the morning, Children's Choir will sing, Spooky Snacks for Coffee Hour and a Haunted Barnyard in the late afternoon at Clark Farm from 4:30-6pm. Boo!

November 12 - Common Cathedral

Children and teens will make soup. All are welcome to bring soup to feed the homeless in Boston, leaving at 11:15am-2pm.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal

Nursery is open after the Message for All Ages

10:00am Service

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:30am Worship Arts Committee, Widrick

6:00pm Night Youth Group, Union Hall

Friday, October 20

7:00pm WomenSpirit, offsite

Upcoming Services

October 22nd: What is revealed when the veil is thinnest?

October 29th: All Souls Day: What do saints reveal?

Announcements

Because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we share the plate (50-50) today with the I-Fund at REACH, a domestic violence organization based in Waltham Ma. The survivors they work with face a number of challenges as a result of domestic violence, including financial ones. The purpose of the Independence Fund is to provide a source of funding for survivors that is accessible and can pay for expenses not covered by existing sources. To date, the Fund has been used to pay for job training, car repairs, insurance, or registration and gas cards. All of these expenses directly impacted each survivor's ability to work. Other expenses that would be considered include childcare, medical and dental expenses. While housing expenses and utility bills are not a priority for this fund, they will be considered, particularly if the survivor does not meet eligibility requirements of other programs, or if the other sources of funds do not have money.

This Week - Adult RE - Tuesday Evening 10/17, 7:30-8:30pm, Red Balloon

Open Discussion with Pam and Lisa on the book *Becoming Wise*, by Krista Tippett. We will focus on chapter 1: The Age of Us. Come, even if you haven't read the book. The topic itself is worth exploring.

Next week 10/24 - 7:30-8:30pm - Red Balloon- Open Discussion with Pam and Lisa on the book *Becoming Wise*, by Krista Tippett. We will focus on the chapter 3: Flesh - The Body's Grace.

WomenSpirit Potluck Supper & Poetry - Friday, October 20th - 7:00 - at the home of Ann Ballantine, 268 Fiske Street. Bring a dish & a poem to share. RSVPs via email are appreciated (ann.ballantine@gmail.com) WomenSpirit is a very informal group and meets monthly to provide support to each other as the participants face life challenges, celebrate life's victories, and explore individual spiritual paths. All women are welcome.

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About the Music

Red Cups of Welcome: Starting with last Sunday's coffee hour, there are special red coffee/tea cups alongside our standard navy blue cups. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to FRS, and would like to be recognized and make some connections, then please feel free to take one of these red cups at Coffee Hour. Our people will see this, introduce themselves, and bring you into conversation. This can be a relaxed and easy way to get familiar with us, with your neighbors who might be regulars here, and for us to start to know you. And to our members, if you see someone with a red cup, please take a moment to step up and say hello. Newcomers are also welcome to browse our welcoming table near the door in Union Hall.

A note from Janice Kissinger: The annual Holidays Green Sale will be on **Saturday December 2, 2017**. We are already making preparations for all our creative workshops. I am hoping everyone can help with this fun event! This is always our biggest annual fundraiser as our talented designers make the most beautiful items, our raffle value keeps increasing, and everyone loves our Cafe with the homemade pies, Lobster, & cider.

Community Events

Wednesday, October 18 Special Town Meeting - 7:00pm Carlisle Public School - Bedford Road land purchase, proposed bylaw, and development.

Friday October 27, 8pm at the Congregational Church - the Carlisle Chamber Orchestra, Beethoven Symphony #5, Debussy Petite Suite, Astor Piazzolla's Four Seasons of Buenos Aires with Sarah Whitney, violin. Admission by donation at the door.

The Reclaim Our Democracy group at First Parish in Concord is inviting members of our congregation to attend the following event:

Peter Mayer "Blue Boat Home" Concert
Saturday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Well known UU singer/songwriter Peter Mayer, author of the very popular hymn "Blue Boat Home", will be performing in concert at First Parish in Concord. Tickets are \$20 and are available at firstparish.org/peter-mayer-concert.

The **prelude** is by the French-Jewish composer and virtuoso pianist Charles-Valentin Alkan (1813-1888). At the height of his fame in the 1830s and 1840s he was, alongside his friends and colleagues Frédéric Chopin and Franz Liszt, among the leading pianists in Paris, a city in which he spent virtually his entire life. Alkan earned many awards at the Paris Conservatoire, which he entered before he was six. Although he had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the Parisian artistic world, including Eugène Delacroix and George Sand, from 1848 he began to adopt a reclusive lifestyle, while continuing with his compositions – virtually all of which are for keyboard. His 13 Prières, op.64 was published around 1866 and was written for either organ, pedal piano, or piano 3 hands.

The words of **Hymn 11**, *O God of Stars and Sunlight*, were written by John Holmes (1904-1962) a Unitarian, poet and, from 1934, professor of English at Tufts University. He authored *Writing Poetry*, wrote several volumes of poetry, and was editor of several poetry collections. This hymn was written for the 1948 meeting of the American Unitarian Association. The tune is from Johann Christian Störl's *Württemberg Gesangbuch*, 1710.

The words and music for **Hymn 163**, *For the Earth Forever Turning*, were written by Kim Oler for "Missa Gaia," a work by Paul Winter recorded live at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Grand Canyon in 1981. The words were inspired by Robert Heinlein's science fiction story "The Green Hills of Earth," in which Rhysling, the blind poet on the Venus shuttle wrote "may we rest our eyes on the fleecy skies and the cool green hills of earth."

The choir **anthem** *Eitz Chayim Hi* was written by the French-Jewish composer Samuel Naumbourg (1817-1880). After having held the office of chazzan (cantor) and reader at Besançon, France and directed the choir of the synagogue at Strasburg, he was called, in 1845, to officiate in the synagogue of the Rue Notre-Dame de Nazareth at Paris, where he became professor of liturgical music at the Séminaire Israélite. With the support of the French government he initiated reforms in Jewish liturgical music. Another of his important contributions was the revival of the music of the 17th-century Italian Jewish composer Salamone Rossi. Shortly before his death he was elected Officier d'Académie. The text of *Eitz Chayim Hi* was often used at the conclusion of the Torah services of the Ashkenazi rites. An English translation of the Hebrew is as follows:

It is a tree of life for those who cling to it, and those who uphold it are happy. Its ways are pleasant, and all of its paths peaceful. Return us to you, God, so that we shall return, renew our days as of old.

The **postlude** is from George Frideric Handel's *Six Fugues or Voluntaries*, op.3, published in London in 1735. Unlike the strictly structured fugues of Bach and other German Baroque composers, Handel's fugues are rather loosely organized, inspired more by the Italian style of Corelli and his compatriots. They were conceived to be played on harpsichord or an English-style organ that had no, or minimal, pedal division.

Notes for *About the Music* are from internet sources and from *Between the Lines*, a UUA publication.