

The First Religious Society in Carlisle
Unitarian Universalist
Finding Gratitude

November 26, 2017 Order of Service, 10:00 am
Presented by the Worship Arts Committee

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

Prelude Intermezzo in A Major Op. 76 No. 6 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
David Jiang, piano

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Opening Remarks Matteo Paris

***Hymn No. 1010 We Give Thanks**

***Chalice Lighting** (spoken in unison) The Churchill Family: John, Nicole, Trinity, Bodhi
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 M.J. Lanum

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 Nancy Hartle
A time to share the prayer on your heart

Prayer by Danna Faulds

Choral Response May We Shine a Light of Love by Joyce Poley

Offering: Shared today with The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell
(see announcements for more information)

Offertory Anthem The Flower That Shattered the Stone by John Jarvis & Joe Henry
Nina Benkley

***Doxology No. 402** From you I receive to you I give,
together we share, and from this, we live

Reading by Mark Nepo

***Hymn No. 289 Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give**

Reflection *Finding Gratitude* Matteo Paris

Silent Meditation

***Hymn No. 331 Life is the Greatest Gift of All**

***Benediction**

Choral Response Deep Peace by Tom Benjamin

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue No. 5 in D Major BWV 850 J. S Bach (1685-1750)
David Jiang, piano

Greeter: Eva Herndon
Vergers: Christine Lear
Coffee Hour comestibles: Congregants with last names D-J
Pulpit Table: Liz Carpenter

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

10am -UU Games in the Red Balloon - All Ages

JYG and All Teens - Right after church this Sunday we are going to deliver our sand buckets to seniors. Can you help? Please let me know. This will take from 11:15-12pm. We need as many youth as possible.

NYG - Let's go Together! Field Trip into Boston to hear Carly Neale Paris at 3pm - Gather at 1:30 at FRS and Carpool - please RSVP to Pam if you can come with us.

Next Sunday in RE 12/3-

Little's (1yr-4yrs)

with Bella Eckler and adult, MJ Lanum

K-Ones(K-1st Grades)-

with Carly Neale Paris, Brianna Neptune and adult, Carol Kaag-Hay. Block Builders

Middles (2nd-5th Grades)-

Holly West, Rachel Bryan and adults Judy Bose and Pam Howell - The Question Box and

This Little Light of Mine

JYG - (6,7,8th Grades)-

with teen leaders: Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, with adult Emily Stewart: Creating the Gingerbread Village for the Elf Workshop

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!

6-7 Teen Cook - Christmas Cookies, 7-8:30 - Setup Elf Workshop, 8:30-9 - Games and Dark Silence.

We will be setting up the Elf Workshop. Come to all or part of the evening. We would like to decorate cookies if you know how to make the right kind of icing for this.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 26

9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal

Nursery is open after the Message for All Ages

10:00am Service

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am Decorate the Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 29

9:00am Arrangements Workshop, Union Hall

Thursday, November 30

9:00am Wreath Workshop

Friday, December 1

8:30am Set up Union Hall for Greens Sale

Saturday, December 2

10am-2pm Greens Sale

Announcements

The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell will receive one half of the funds donated during this Sunday's Offering in our **Share the Plate** initiative. The Open Pantry provides short-term food assistance to needy residents of the Greater Lowell area, connecting over 1,500 people per month with foods that are filling, nutritious and culturally appropriate. They also advocate on behalf of those in need locally, statewide and nationally, and engage with others in building food security. FRS has a longstanding relationship with The Open Pantry through its active volunteers as well as with donations of funds and food items.

The Holiday Greens Sale is almost here!

Please join us at 11:15 AM. to decorate the Sanctuary,

Come to our Arrangements Workshop : Wednesday November 29 at 9:00 AM.

And our Wreath Workshop:Thursday November 30 at 9:00 AM.

Come help us set up on Friday December 1 at 8:30 AM.

Pies, cakes and baked goods should be dropped off by 6 pm on Friday

Holiday Greens Sale, Saturday December 2, 10AM-2PM

If you help, email Pam Woodhull pamela.h.woodhull@gmail.com

If you can help in the café, sukirk@aol.com

A Message From Pastoral Concerns:

With our fast-growing church population come ever more opportunities to help one another in times of need. If you would be willing to occasionally do an errand, give a ride or provide a meal for a parishioner in a time of crisis, please email Nancy West at NancySWest@gmail.com to be added to our "Helping Hands" request list. Thank you!

A note from Linda Myers-Tierney:

On Sunday, November 11, FRS sent a group of 11 adults and 6 youths to bring lunch to Common Cathedral and enjoy worship and fellowship with the congregants. It was a wonderful experience marked by abundance and grace. The congregation welcomed us warmly and demonstrated their faith and gratitude. Thank you to all those who attended, made 100-plus sandwiches and a delicious RE-made "stone soup", and donated fruit, granola bars, candy, and a beautifully decorated cake. The group also brought 200 hand knit hats and scarves (to be used as individually-wrapped Christmas presents) that the KISS Knitting in Service Society had been making over the last year. The previous night had been freezing

cold and left the Boston Common fountain frozen, yet the sun and fellowship were warm, and we left with spirits much higher than when we arrived.

A note from Janice Kissinger: A big " THANK YOU " to all the wonderful volunteers who made the beautiful Boxwood trees and rings on Saturday We now have 28 trees and 12 rings. On Sunday we will decorate the Choir Loft, Banisters, and Pulpit in the sanctuary. Please leave the window swags up in the attic as they will not go up this year. Next week will be workshops to do arrangements and wreaths. We are looking for more volunteers to help out! I will have the gingerbread house kits finished soon. We have received many Raffle donations so far so buy some tickets at the Sale!

A note from the Parish Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee: The Parish Committee along with the Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank all of those who donated to the sanctuary window replacement project. The contractor installing the new windows has offered to restore the remaining four windows in the sanctuary at the same discounted price (\$2,000/window). So, once again we would like to ask for donations toward this worthy project. If you missed your chance to help out last time, now is the time. Please make your check out to FRS and put "window improvement fund" in the memo line. Send it to FRS, Box 817, Carlisle, MA 01741. Thank you!

Community Events

"Daring Democracy" Thursday, December 7, 7:30-9:00 p.m. First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road, Legendary *Diet for a Small Planet* author Frances Moore Lappé and organizer Adam Eichen will share highlights of their empowering new UU Common Read, *Daring Democracy*. "Without democracy there's almost no chance of tackling distinct environmental, racial justice, labor, poverty, or food justice problems." We will learn and discuss ways to engage in the movement to save our democracy. Their presentation will be followed by a book signing reception in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy. Contact fredvandeu@gmail.com for questions.

About the Music

The **Prelude** is *Intermezzo in A Major op. 76 No. 6* by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Brahms composed his op. 76 collection in 1878 at the summer resort Portschach along the shores of Austrian Lake Worth. Upon first playing the collection, Theodor Billroth, a close friend of Brahms's, described the pieces as "magnificent...beautiful and interesting to play. They lie so well under the hand for those who are a little used to Schumann's and Chopin's technique that it is a pleasure to practise them." Intermezzo Op. 76 No. 6 starts out with a breathtaking flowing A Major entrance, which quickly turns to an F# Minor passage, ending on a positive note.

The words and music of **Hymn 1010** "We Give Thanks" are by singer-songwriter Wendy Luella Perkins. She was born in Halifax Nova Scotia where her passion for the land was firmly planted. Ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1999, Wendy Luella has committed her life to spiritual deepening, community-building and progressive social change. While she spent several years in congregational and denominational ministry, her vocation is now lived-out mostly in the community, focusing on food and music. She has written about a hundred folk songs, a few dozen children's songs and hundreds of meditative chants. Her short song "We Give Thanks" has been a hit in Unitarian Universalist congregations across North America and in the UK, and is published in several song books.

The Flower That Shattered the Stone was written by John Jarvis and Joe Henry. The song was released by Olivia Newton-John in 1989 and John Denver in 1990. There are many interpretations of the metaphors in the lyrics. Among these is the idea that love (the flower) may appear fragile and delicate but ultimately it has the power to prevail over the dark part of human nature (shatter the stone). Olivia Newton-John said the song was to remind children everywhere of their uniqueness. In either case the words use many lovely images of nature to remind us to be grateful for the earth.

The **Postlude** is *Prelude and Fugue No. 5 in D Major BWV 850* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach composed this prelude/fugue as part of his master work for keyboard, the *Well-Tempered Clavier*, which included prelude/fugues in all 24 major and minor keys (D major was the 5th key, thus No. 5). The preludes are composed in a formally free style, although many exhibit typical Baroque melodic forms, often coupled with an extended free coda. The fugues are marked by number of voices, ranging from two to five, with the majority containing three to four. The *Well-Tempered Clavier* collection is considered one of the most important works of Western classical music.

Notes for the Brahms and Bach pieces are by David Jiang; notes for The Flower That Shattered the Stone are by Nina Benkley. Other notes are from internet sources.