

Order of Service
February 11, 2024

Before the service, you may light a candle at the back of the sanctuary and record a personal joy or sorrow in the book (please include your name).

Notes will be read during the pastoral prayer time.

Welcome Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay
Prelude *Y'did Nefesh* E. Zweig

Time of Greeting

Chalice Lighting Cynthia Rosengard,
Worship Associate

This light burns also in our hearts, and it lights our path toward harmony, justice, and hope for all.

Invocation

Sharing our Covenant

We the members of the First Unitarian Church of Providence, with respect for the worth and dignity of each person, with wonder at the light we know by many names, and with gratitude for our deep connection to each other and to the larger web of existence, covenant to walk together in our search for truth, seeking the paths of wisdom, compassion, and justice.

* Hymn No. 204 *Come, O Sabbath Day*

Reading "Sometimes" by David Whyte

Music *Of Love* Dede Duson

Joys and Sorrows

Tolling the Bell

Meditation

In Words

In Silence

During this time, if you have lost someone close to you in the past year, we invite you to stand or raise your hand in silent witness.

In Music

Sermon "Sabbath: Time For a Cool Change"
accompanied by *Dodi Li*

* Hymn No. 1064 (teal) *Blue Boat Home*

Call to Offering

Offertory *Velvet Shoes* Michael Larkin

Invitations

Benediction

Chalice Extinguishing

We carry the flame of peace and love and hope until we meet again.

Postlude *Shabbat Shalom* S. Secundo

Closing Song (blue card)

* *Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to First U! Masks are welcome for those who prefer to wear them but they are no longer required. After worship we will gather in the Parish House for a time of fellowship. Visitors are welcome in the Newcomers' Café, behind the fireplace in the Paneled Parlor.

Music Notes: The text of *Of Love* is: "Sit down and rest, life will wait for a few moments - there's still time to practice love for a little while, time to let the fresh air of real peace into your life. Be still, be still, and learn again how to live, raise your eyes and see beyond this narrow life, learn to love, and fill your heart with sunshine. Be still."

Many thanks to our tech team, who make it possible for us to share our livestream over our YouTube channel.

Please note: Our services are live-streamed. If you want to make sure you do not appear in our recording, or in photographs, it is helpful if you sit in the back half of our worship space. Thank you!

Text to Give! Now you can make a weekly plate or other financial gift to First U while you are sitting in your pew, right from your phone. Text "FIRSTUPROV" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Ahead at First U...

- Sun. Feb. 11 10:30 am, Worship; Spiritual Pathways
11:45 am, coffee hour, Newcomers'
Café, Irene's Book Nook
12:00 pm, Congregational Conversation
12:00 pm, NSJC meeting, Peace
12:00 pm, Campus UUs, Diversity
12:00 pm, Connections Comm., Haynes
7:00 pm, UU Men, Haynes
- Mon. Feb. 12 6:30 pm, Ben Zen, Moon
7:00 pm, Sacred Texts, Paneled parlor
- Wed. Feb. 14 6:30 pm, PruComm meeting
- Sun. Feb. 18 10:30 am, Worship, Spiritual pathways
Remember to read everything in your Friday First U Times to avoid missing important information. If you are looking for details about church plans, check out the PruComm minutes on our website.

Staff

Rev. Elizabeth Lerner Maclay, Senior Minister
Rev. Roger Peltier, Assistant Minister
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Beth Armstrong, Interim Music Director
Asa Spring, Youth Music Director
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Sabbath: Time For a Cool Change



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