Order of Service
Sunday, August 13, 2023 ■ In-person and Livestream at 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission The mission of First Unitarian Portland is to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, and inclusion.

Shared Plate We share our plate with Oregon UU Voices for Justice, a statewide advocacy network that mobilizes Unitarian Universalists and their congregations to work for public policies in Oregon that embody UU principles of democracy, justice, equity, compassion in human relations, and global stewardship.

Gathering Hymn #1000 Morning Has Come

Welcome Rev. Alison Miller

Chalice Lighting

Voluntary "The Gift to Be Free" — Rolo Dilworth

Call to Worship Rev. Mitra Rahnema

Hymn #298 “Wake, Now, My Senses”

Responsive Reading #444 "This House" Kenneth Patton

Doxology "Spirit of Life"

Offertory "Meditation on Amazing Grace" — arr. Garrett M. Bond Garrett Bond, piano

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Rev. Miller

Silent Meditation

Hymn #1011 “Return Again”

Reading excerpt from "The Hill We Climb" — Amanda Gorman

Voluntary "Home To Me" — Reed Criddle

Sermon "Why Church?" Rev. Rahnema

Hymn #121 “We'll Build a Land”

Benediction

Postlude "Toccata No. 5 in C Major" — Johann Pachelbel Garrett Bond, piano

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