

## ORDER OF SERVICE

“The life of the spirit, our capacity for appreciative awareness, comes down to this—seeing gratefully.” -- bc (20-21<sup>st</sup> century Unitarian theologian)

PRELUDE *Waltz*, Op. 39 No. 5 -- J. Brahms

INTROIT *Welcome! Welcome!* -- Traditional Shaker greeting

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 436 (Camille Starck, chalice lighter)

\* HYMN Number 67 (standing) *We Sing Now Together*

THANKSGIVING RESPONSIVE READING (standing) [see insert]

\* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;  
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.  
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING The French folk tale of *Stone Soup*

\* INTERLUDE *Intermezzo*, Op. 76 No. 3 -- J. Brahms

READING from Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM *The Road Not Taken* -- Randall Thompson

OFFERTORY *Intermezzo*, Op. 118 No. 2 -- J. Brahms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN (standing) *America the Beautiful* [see insert]

SERMON *Pilgrims' Progress*  
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE *Gift of Love* -- Hal Hopson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Waltz*, Op. 39, No. 1 -- Max J. Brahms

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\* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

**Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices** may be requested from the ushers.

**Web Site:** Check out our web site at [www.churchoftheriver.org](http://www.churchoftheriver.org). You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

**To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag**, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

**A Crying Room is available** in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

**The Care Coordinator** for November is Alice Fleming at 755-3418.

**SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS:** The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder “The Bible - Down and Dirty”. The Questions of Faith group meets next week at 10 a.m. in the Potter Wing to discuss *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850. All welcome!

**What are you called to do? Four opportunities:** (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

**SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS** on the website by Tuesday.

**PLEASE COMPLETE A CANVASS CARD AND RETURN IT TO THE CANVASS TEAM TABLE.**

**STONE SOUP:** In addition to the regular offering today, envelopes are provided for a special Thanksgiving gift. These donations will be given to the Metropolitan Inter-faith Association for the Food Pantries program we support. The program helps thousands annually with emergency food orders. Please join us for Stone Soup after the service and donate to the hungry of our city what you save by having lunch with us. Thus the villagers of our congregation will re-create the miracle of stone soup. From the small contributions of many, the people shall be fed. Please make your checks out to First Unitarian Church and note that it is for MIFA.

The church office is closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 26-27.

**Saturday, Dec. 5, is Nifty Gifty Day, 1-4 p.m. Sign up in the Potter Wing or by email [drecksakaan@aol.com](mailto:drecksakaan@aol.com)** to volunteer or to make gifts. **Sunday, Dec. 6, we will recognize new members and have a special reception afterwards. There will also be a Betsy jewelry trunk show.**