

## ORDER OF SERVICE

MAY 15, 2022

### GATHERING

CHIME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

**"Morning"**

*Edvard Grieg (from Peer Gynt)*

Heather Felton  
Polly Oliver, piano

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Stephanie May

CHALICE LIGHTING & COVENANT

Williams Family

*With open minds and loving hearts, we gather to search for meaning,  
to care for one another, and to work together for a better world.*

### WITNESS

CANDLE FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA

Rev. Dr. May

HYMN #170

**"We Are a Gentle, Angry People"**

### MOVEMENT

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Alyssa Lee

*Children leave for SEEK programming*

*"Go now in peace. Go no in peace. May the love of all surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go."*

### STILLNESS

HYMN #352

**"Find a Stillness"**

TIME FOR PRAYER AND STILLNESS

PRAYER

Alyssa Lee

MOMENT OF STILLNESS

JOYS AND SORROWS

Lynne Morrison

### CONTEMPLATION

READING

**"The Invitation" (excerpted)**  
*by Oriah Mountain Drummer*

Laurel Whitehouse

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

**"A Gaelic Blessing"**  
*John Rutter*

First Parish Choir

REFLECTIONS

Ted Barnes, Patrick Foley, and Laurel Whitehouse

### SHARING

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. May

*Give online <https://www.uuwayland.org/donate>;*

*Download the Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone; Text to 833-264-0104.*

OFFERTORY

**"Go Gently into the Morning"**  
*Douglas Wagner*

First Parish Choir

### GOING OUT, GOING IN

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Dr. May, Alyssa Lee

HYMN #1009

**"Meditation on Breathing"**  
*(On the last verse, please turn toward rear doors for the benediction)*

BENEDICTION

*(Recording and YouTube Live End)*

Rev. Dr. May

*Charles Marie Widor (from Symphony No. 5, Op 42, No. 5, abridged)*



**COMMUNITY TIME: In-Person:** Join us either in the Commons (masks required) or by the Sheds (masks optional).  
**Online Chat Rooms ("Vestry", "Commons"):** Open Chats



## *Hymn Lyrics*



### **We Are a Gentle, Angry People**

We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a justice-seeking people...

We are young and old together...  
We are a land of many colors...  
We are gay and straight together....  
We are a gentle, loving people...

### **Find a Stillness**

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the  
stillness carry me.  
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the  
silence carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit  
giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the  
essence carry me.  
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me  
flower, carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit  
giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

### **Meditation on Breathing**

When I breathe in,  
I'll breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out,  
I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out,  
Breathe in, Breathe out

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## *Service to Remember*

**Minister Emeritus, Rev. Ken Sawyer**

**Saturday, May 21, 11:00 a.m.**

In the Sanctuary (Outdoor seating available) or see online connection information in eblast and on the website.

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: MONDAY, MAY 16**  
**ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 22**

### **SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION**

The unspecified funds collected during this service will support the programs of First Parish. Once a month the collection will be shared with a chosen organization.

- Give online <https://www.uuwayland.org/donate>
- Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app on your Smartphone
- Text your tax-deductible donation to 833-264-0104 (no dollar sign).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEK Classes Today, 10:15 a.m., In-Person and Online  
Youth Group, 4:30 p.m. Today

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are provided by First Parish.

**SUNDAY HELPERS:** Suzanne & Jim Tiberii (ushers), Lea Anderson (tech)

**SHAPE OUR FIRST PARISH VISION!** Vision groups are forming now. See eblast for details. Contact [Visioning@uuwayland.org](mailto:Visioning@uuwayland.org) for more information or to sign up for a group. Group details [HERE](#).

**YARD SALE IS ON!** Sign up for a table, to help out, or come by with friends for coffee and browsing. Contact Barb Heffner or Linda Collins for more info.

**MAY LAY MINISTER IS HELEN GREEN:** Please feel free to contact the Lay Minister if you need assistance or just a friendly, confidential visit or chat during this month.

## CALENDAR

*For event connection information check our weekly eblast, contact the office or the event coordinator.*

**SIP & SEEK Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., Outside.** Join Rev. Stephanie and friends for sipping (BYOB), seeking and socializing by the firepit. [Contact Stephanie](#) for information.

## ONGOING EVENTS & CONNECTIONS

**MIDDAY MEDITATION Mondays, 12:00 p.m., Online.** Suzanne Reitz, Barbara Pedulla or Penny Beer host a noon time meditation group on Mondays. Please stop in for a ½ hour meditation.

**KNIT 1, LAUGH 2, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Online** Contact Heather Ryan for information.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary** [Contact Polly Oliver](#) for information.

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS, Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary** Contact Linda Murdock for information.

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### Parish Committee ([ParishCom@uuwayland.org](mailto:ParishCom@uuwayland.org))

*Co-Chairs:* Deb Stubeda, Annie Stubbs

*Treasurer:* Heather Felton ([Treasurer@uuwayland.org](mailto:Treasurer@uuwayland.org))

*Clerk:* Nan Jahnke

*Members:* Ted Barnes, Larry Green, Barb Heffner, Lynne Lipcon, Nathalie Thompson, Jay Woodruff

### Staff

*Minister:* Rev. Dr. Stephanie May; *Intern Minister:* Alyssa Lee

*Music Director:* Polly Oliver

*Director of Lifespan Education & Engagement:* Kate Holland

*Parish Administrator:* Karen Plaskon; *Tech Coordinator:* Matt Freije; *Bookkeeper:* Leo Monzon

### Lay Ministers

*Chair:* Helen Green

*Members:* Ted Barnes, Jill Burrows, Erik Felton, Roger Horine, Lynne Morrison, Kathy Schmidt

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## MAY MONTHLY THEME:

### BEAUTY

Beauty. We appreciate it. How could we not? We wonder at it. Get absorbed in it. Analyze it, if it's got a frame around it. But how often do we listen to it? How often do we ask, "What is it trying to get me to hear?" Rather than, "Do I like it or not?"

Beauty does so much more than decorate. It demands. It calls. It asks for commitment. It doesn't just say "Love and appreciate me." It says "Protect me! Fight for me!" It steps out in front of us and points to a precious world that needs our help. It paints a picture of new ways of living and declares, "Follow me there!"

It sings, "This world was made for more than work." It whispers, "Use me to heal." It pleads, "Nurture a new relationship with me. One that allows me to talk!" So, what is beauty saying to you?

#### Which question is calling to you? Where is it leading you?

1. What is the most beautiful thing you ever saw or experienced?
2. When were you healed by beauty?
3. What makes a beautiful soul? What do you do to beautify your own soul?
4. What did your family of origin teach you about what it means "to be beautiful"?
5. What parts of life have grown more beautiful as you've aged?
6. Have you ever experienced a "beautiful goodbye"?

#### Wise Words:

At some point in life the world's beauty becomes enough. You don't need to photograph, paint or even remember it. It is enough. No record of it needs to be kept and you don't need someone to share it with or tell it to.

*Toni Morrison in Tar Baby*

Under the spell of beauty, we experience a rare condition called plenitude, where we want for nothing.

*André Aciman*

Beauty is that which glistens on the edges of our yearnings and lures us into the depths of things.

*Patricia Adams Farmer*

Waking up to who you are requires letting go of who you imagine yourself to be. *Alan Watts*

Human beings have a hard time regarding anything beautiful without wanting to devour it.

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others.

*Mandy Hale*

The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.

*Elisabeth Kübler-Ross*

In difficult times, carry something beautiful in your heart.

*Blaise Pascal*

The ability to see beauty is the beginning of our moral sensibility. What we believe is beautiful we will not wantonly destroy.

*Rev. Sean Parker Dennison*

In such ugly times, the only true protest is beauty.

*Phil Ochs*

This a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before.

*Maya Angelou*