



“The Peace of Wild Things”

A Joint North Shore Unitarian Universalist Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 20, 2022, 10:30am

Participating Congregations

*First Religious Society of Newburyport
Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church
Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, Danvers
Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn
Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead*

Order of Service

Welcome

Rev. Rebecca Bryan, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

Ringling of the Bell

First Religious Society of Newburyport

Call to Worship

Rev. Carol Strecker, *Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, Danvers*

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Rebecca Bryan, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

Opening Hymn – #360 Here We Have Gathered

Justin Murphy-Mancini, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

Wisdom Story – Peace Is an Offering – written by Annette LeBox and illustrated by Stephanie Graegin

Rev. Rebecca Bryan, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

Invitation to Offering – Lifebridge North Shore

Rev. Janet Parsons, *Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church*

Offering Music – “Autumn Leaves” – Joseph Kosma

Steve Lacey, *Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church*

Reading and Prayer – “I Rest in the Peace of Wild Things” – Wendell Berry

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

Musical Meditation – “The Promise of Living” – Aaron Copland

Joint North Shore Unitarian Universalist Choir

David Collins and Justin Murphy-Mancini, *piano*; Kenneth Griffith, *conductor*

Reflection – “The Grace Within”

Rev. Jenna Crawford, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead*

Hymn – #352 Find A Stillness

Kenneth Griffith, *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*

Reflection – “The Grace of the World”

Rev. Janet Parsons, *Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church*

Closing Hymn – #21 For the Beauty of the Earth

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Unison Affirmation

Rev. Rebecca Bryan, *First Religious Society of Newburyport*

For the doctrine of reconciling love, entrusted to us by our ancestors;
For the sacramental search for truth, to liberate both mind and spirit;
For the blessing of the call to serve, caring for one another, healing what is broken,
and helping what can be helped;

We give thanks, this day, as one body.

Though we may be separated by distance, love unites us.

Though we may be bound by our failings, truth frees us.

Though we may be afraid of the world’s great pain, service demands that we act.

May the ways of the Holy be revealed to us, and may we explore them, together.

Benediction

Rev. Carol Strecker, *Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, Danvers*