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Sunday April 23, 12:30 PM, Conference Room  
**Soul Matters** with Rev. Tim House

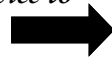
**Soulful Sundown**  
April 26, 6:15, Chapel

Save the Date: Reception to honor Eleanor Williams  
Drinks and Light Refreshments  
7 Chestnut Street, May 13th, 3 to 5 PM

Notice: Annual Meeting for First Church  
May 21st

With special events: This Year's Rhys Williams  
Award for Service to the Church;  
Farewell to Eleanor Williams;  
And special music and fond adieu's to  
Music Director Paul Ciennewa

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**Children's Religious Education**

**April 16 - Seeing Others with Awe:**

Unitarian Universalists believe that all people are amazing and special and should be looked at with awe. This is part of what our first Unitarian Universalist principle means when we say that we affirm that all people have inherent worth and dignity. This week we read "The Messiah is Among You," and make life-size affirmation portraits of each other.

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**The First Church Choir**

Erin Anderson

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James Liu

Christine Teeters

Rebecca Teeters

William Thorpe

Li-Han "Lily" Tseng

Bob Winkley

April 16, 2017  
The Order of Service

**We Gather Together**

**Gathering Music** La Primavera: I. Allegro; II. Largo Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)  
Sasha Callahan, violin; Leo Eguchi, 'cello

**Welcome** Aisha Ansano

**\*Hymn # 61** Lo, the Earth Awakens Again EASTER HYMN

**Chalice Lighting & Invocation**

Love is the spirit of this church, And service its law. This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

**The Work of Community**

**Time for All Ages** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Children of new and returning families are invited to join Jasmine Baetz for the children's spiritual education session, held downstairs in the John Winthrop School.

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

**\*Greeting One Another**

**Affirmation** Gloria



Sing le-vy dew, sing le-vy dew, the wa-ter and the wine; The se-ven bright gold wires and the bu-gles that do shine.

**Brief Announcements** Diana Smith

**Finding Ourselves in the World's Story**

**Reading** Psalm 19 (translation by Stephen Mitchell) A. Ansano & D. Smith

**Choral Meditation** Easter Hymn (from Cavalleria Rusticana)  
Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

Rebecca Teeters, soprano soloist

*Let us sing hymns to the Lord who is not dead. Shining, he has unsealed the tomb. Let us sing hymns to the risen Lord who ascended today to the glory of heaven.*

**Responsive Reading** "Blessed be Life!" by Rev. Mark Belletini Diana Smith  
(See insert)

**Going Deeper**

**Reflection** "Late Spring" by W. S. Merwin Rev. Tim House

**Prayer** Rev. House

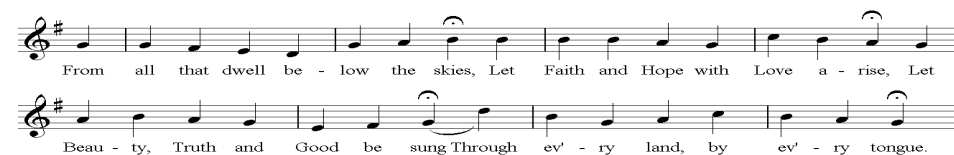
**\*Hymn # 270** O Day of Light and Gladness LANCASHIRE

**Sermon** "At the Threshold— Living Two Lives" Rev. Kendrick

**Offertory** Sanctus (from St. Cecilia Mass) Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
Ethan Bremner, tenor soloist

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Doxology**



**Engaging the World in Service and Thanks**

**Charge** Aisha Ansano

**\*Hymn # 269** Lo, the Day of Days Is Here LLANFAIR

**Shared Benediction**

**Postlude** La Primavera: III. Danza Pastorale Vivaldi

\*Please stand as you are able.

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Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Narthex.

*Our Instrumentalists-in-Residence, violinist Sasha Callahan and 'cellist Leo Eguchi, join us through support from the Fund for Special Music and the Collins Family Memorial Fund. To make a donation or a memorial gift in support of special music at First Church, please speak with Music Director Paul Cienniwa.*