



ORDER OF MEETING

Sunday, July 26, 2015

10:00 am

— IN THE AUTUMN OF OUR LIFE —

**Please stand, as you are able.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Elliot Altomare
PRELUDE	September Song Karl Drumm, piano	Weill/Anderson
OPENING WORDS (#420)		David Mix Barrington
*KINDLING THE CHALICE		Elliot Altomare
	We light our chalice as a beacon of hope A sign of our quest for truth and meaning We light our chalice as a beacon of love In celebration of the life we share together	
*HYMN		Old Hundredth
	From all that dwell below the skies Let songs of hope and faith arise Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung Through every land, by every tongue	De todos bajo el gran sol Surja esperanza, fe, amor Verdad, y belleza cantando, De cada tierra, cada voz.
READING	from <i>The Virtues of Aging</i> by Jimmy Carter	Elliot Altomare
*HYMN	Come My Way, My Truth, My Life	#89
*COMMUNITY GREETING		
OFFERING	When I'm Sixty-Four DAMB, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano	Lennon/McCartney
MEDITATION	from W.E.B. Dubois	#494
INTERLUDE	Hello In There Elaine Apthorp, vocal and guitar	Prine
READING	Carter	Elliot Altomare
INTERLUDE	Gulf Coast Highway Leah Ewing, guitar and vocal; DAMB, vocal	Griffith/Hooker/Flowers
READING	Carter	Elliot Altomare

INTERLUDE	“Tower Warders Under Orders”, double chorus from <i>The Yeomen of the Guard</i> Members of Valley Light Opera and the USNF Choir Bill Venman, conductor; Glen Gordon, piano, John Vance, soloist	Gilbert/Sullivan
SERMON	In the Autumn of Our Life	David Mix Barrington
*HYMN	In Sweet Fields of Autumn	#52
CLOSING WORDS (#684)		David Mix Barrington
POSTLUDE	Hail Poetry, from <i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Gilbert/Sullivan

WELCOME

Our summer services are planned and conducted by members and friends of the congregation. We are very glad you have joined us this morning. Wearing a name tag gives all of us a chance to greet each other by name, and helps newcomers feel more at home. Blank nametags are available. If you have been coming for a while, plan to continue, and would like a permanent nametag, please sign up for one on the list in the vestibule.

Childcare is available downstairs for all but very small infants. Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

Please join us for lemonade in the Parlor after the service.

MUSIC

“When I’m Sixty-Four” from the Beatles’ *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*, is credited to both John and Paul like all Beatles songs but was reportedly written by Paul at the age of 16. “Hello In There” appears on John Prine’s self-titled 1971 debut album. “Gulf Coast Highway” first appeared on Nanci Griffith’s 1988 album *Little Love Affairs* and has been extensively covered by her and others. *The Yeomen of the Guard* was the eleventh of the fourteen light operas written by W.S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. “Hail Poetry”, from the fifth such opera, serves as something of a “national anthem” for performers and fans of G&S worldwide.

FLOWERS

This morning’s flowers are arranged by Sally Lawton.

The Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence is an inclusive and welcoming intergenerational congregation of diverse spiritual beliefs and practices. Our mission is to build a caring community where children and adults can safely learn and grow — where we are supported and challenged on life’s journeys, called to service and to our higher selves, and inspired to better our world.

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