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
De todos bajo el gran sol
Let songs of hope and faith arise
Surja esperanza, fe, amor
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Verdad, y belleza cantando,
Through every land, by every tongue
De cada tierra, cada voz.

READING
from The Virtues of Aging by Jimmy Carter
Elliot Altomare

*HYMN
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
#89

*COMMUNITY GREETING

OFFERING
When I'm Sixty-Four
Lennon/McCartney
DAMB, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano

MEDITATION
from W.E.B. Dubois
#494

INTERLUDE
Hello In There
Prine
Elaine Apthorp, vocal and guitar

READING
Carter
Elliot Altomare

INTERLUDE
Gulf Coast Highway
Griffith/Hooker/Flowers
Leah Ewing, guitar and vocal; DAMB, vocal

READING
Carter
Elliot Altomare
INTERLUDE
“Tower Warders Under Orders”, Gilbert/Sullivan
double chorus from *The Yeomen of the Guard*
Members of Valley Light Opera and the USNF Choir
Bill Venman, conductor; Glen Gordon, piano, John Vance, soloist

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 *The Pirates of Penzance* 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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