

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
If we are all lichens, are fungi our gods?
Rev. Marty Pelham*
October 19, 2025

Conversation and Visiting until 9:55 am
Sharing Space & Needs Together...

Reflective Time Together Starting at 9:55am
Service starts at 10am

Ingathering Music

Morgan Lee, Pianist

Welcome

Kathy Kellison, Worship Associate

Prelude *Mélodie, Op. 77, No. 9* by Moritz Moszowski; Morgan Lee, pianist

Chalice Lighting (in Unison)

Kathy Kellison

Alive in All Creation by Rev. Shari Woodbury

*Spark of the spirit
cupped in earth's embrace,
Light of love
alive in all creation,
As we kindle this flame,
we rekindle our connection
to the sacred web of life.*

Opening Words

Forgive Me by Mary Oliver

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Opening Hymn # 175

We Celebrate the Web of Life

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Wisdom Story

The Mystic and the Scientist

Rev. Marty Pelham

Share the Plate

Wabanaki Alliance Janet Caldwell, Social Justice Committee

Offering # 402

"From You I Receive"

Kathy Kellison

From you I receive, to you I give.

Together we share and from this we live.

Prayer

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Choir Anthem:

No Matter by Brian Tate; with Morgan Lee, pianist, the UUCC Choir,
and Bridget Convey, Director of Music

Reading

excerpt from *What A Mushroom Lives For* by Michael J. Hathaway

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Hymn # 343

A Firemist and a Planet verses 1, 2, & 3

Reflection

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Closing Hymn # 1068

Rising Green

Extinguish the Chalice & Benediction

Our House by Michael DeVernon Boblett
Rev. Marty Pelham

Postlude *Impromptu, Op. 77, No. 7* by Norris Moszowski; Morgan Lee, pianist

Announcements

Kathy Kellison

**Marty (they/them) grew up next to their grandparents' strawberry farm near a small town in Florida, where their ancestors first settled in the 1600's. They journeyed through Southern Baptist, United Methodist Church, fundamentalist Church of Christ, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and Buddhism before walking into the UU Church of Tampa on October 21, 2001, and finding a religious movement that felt right.

They graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in 2018 and served congregations in Syracuse and Watertown, New York, before being called as the settled minister of First Universalist Church in Rockland, Maine, in 2021.

They always want to know where the best pizza and ice cream are.

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