

## **Fiona Petersen - Speaker**

**Gathering Music** – “Water in the Moonlight” Blind Tom Bethune

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greet your Neighbors**

**Prelude** – “The Lake at Evening” Charles Tomlinson Griffes

### **\*Lighting the Chalice**

We gather this hour as do all people of faith—with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

**Opening Words** – Mary Oliver

**\*Opening Hymn** – #360 “Here We Have Gathered”

### **\*Affirmation of Fellowship:**

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

**Candles of Joys and Concerns**

**Words for Reflection** – Unknown

**Silent Meditation**

**Offertory Music** – “Ebbtide” Sigman and Maxwell

### **\*Offertory Response (to “Old Hundredth”)**

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let faith and hope and love arise  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue

**\*Hymn** – #145 “As Tranquil Streams”

**Message** – “The Water Communion- water is life”

**\*Closing Hymn** – #175 “We Celebrate the Web of Life”

### **\*Extinguishing the Chalice**

Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

**Postlude** – “Raincheck” Billy Strayhorn

**Closing Words** – Unknown

**\*Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

**Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**September 17- Art Rosen**

**September 24- Nancy Stone**

**October 1- Betsy Woodman**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**September 13- Meditation at the Wells’ 1:30pm-3:30pm**

**September 24- Lunch at the Vashro’s farm**

## KUUF PURPOSE

...to worship and create a welcoming and supporting community  
...to support and care for one another,  
...to explore, reflect and grow spiritually,  
...to understand our differences,  
...to feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values,  
...to be intentionally inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian  
and transgender people,  
...to support collective service to the larger community and to  
celebrate  
together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and  
joys.

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Assisting Ministers: guests  
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## TRUSTEES

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**Andover, New Hampshire**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**