

**Ashby First Parish Church
Unitarian Universalist**

September 13, 2009

Candle Lighting & Silent Meditation

~ Gathering the Community ~

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship by the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard

Chalice Lighting by Laura Holton Ludwig

• Singing “Here We Have Gathered”
#360 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

• Congregational Affirmation

by Clark Greene ◊

We gather to build community, because we know that people
need to give and receive love.

We gather to worship, because we hunger for the sacred.

We gather to dedicate ourselves to service, because service is
the active expression of our beliefs and talents.

We gather to celebrate the power and wonder of Mystery.

• Singing “Doxology”
From all that dwell below the skies,
Let songs of hope and faith arise.
Let peace, good will on earth be sung.
Through every land by every tongue.

~ Making Our Offerings ~

Offering our Joys and Concerns

Prayer & Silent Meditation

Water Communion Ceremony

• Singing “We’re Coming Home”
(see handout)

Story for All Ages “Rain for the Making”

Singing the Children to Church School

“A Proverb” music by Pete Seeger ◊
The larger the island of knowledge,
the longer the shoreline of wonder.

Offertory

~ Sharing Words ~

Responsive Reading “Principles and Purposes for All of Us”
#594 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

Sermon “The Abbot Among Us”

~ Sending the Community Forth ~

• Singing “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place”
#1008 *Singing the Journey* (turquoise)

• Benediction by Ezra Pound

Postlude

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong, Minister
Stephan Arsenault, Musician

• Please rise if you are able.
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