

# Ashby First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist

September 20, 2009

*Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.*

– Woodrow Wilson

Candle Lighting & Silent Meditation

~ Gathering the Community ~

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

• Singing

“Gather the Spirit”

#347 *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

Story for All Ages

The Stranger

by Chris Van Allsburg

Singing the Children to Church School

“A Proverb” music by Pete Seeger ◊

The larger the island of knowledge,  
the longer the shoreline of wonder.

Silent Meditation

Offertory

~ Sharing Words ~

Sermon

“What Do You Do After Your Ship Comes In?”

• Singing

“Heap High the Farmer’s Wintry Hoard”

#70 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

Sharing Our Mabon Sacrament

~ Sending the Community Forth ~

• Singing

“In Sweet Fields of Autumn”

#52 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

• Closing Words

Postlude

Inanna Arthen, M.Div., Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong, Minister

Stephan Arsenault, Musician

• Please rise if you are able.

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