

Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

James Sulzer's Bio

Jim and his family have lived year-round on Nantucket since 1982. He taught English for 30 years (public schools and Nantucket New School) and has been a member of the Second Congregational Meeting House Society since 1982. He served as president of the Board of Trustees of the church and also served on the Short-Term Rental workgroup for the Town of Nantucket. He is married to Barbara Elder. His newest novel, released in December of 2025, is All That Smolders: A Mystery.

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Sunday Morning Participants

Service Leader - Paul Stewart

Guest Speaker - Jim Sulzer

Guest Music Director - Lauren Roberts

Youth Program Director - Leyah Jensen

Tech Assistant - Keely Farrell

Second Congregational Meeting House Unitarian Universalist



***The Storyteller Within Us
And the Element of Surprise***

February 22nd, 2026

Order of Service

Gathering Music Sonata no. 15 in C - Andante
- WA Mozart

Welcome

Jan Ellsworth
Board of Trustees

All

Doxology

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

- Isaac Watts (composite)

Prelude Traumerei
- Robert Schumann

Opening Words Paul Stewart

Lighting the Chalice Carol Benchley
To bear love into this world
We tend the spark of imagination and hope for the world to come.
-By Rachael Hayes

Hymn *For The Beauty Of The Earth* #21

Story for All Ages Leyah Jensen

Singing the Children Out
*Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the light of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

Reading On Imagination and Being an Ally
-By Douglas Terry Suse Robinson

Joys and Concerns

Meditation "For a Time I Rest in the Grace of the World and am Free"
-By Wendell Berry

Jan Ellsworth

Musical Response *Spirit Of Life* #123

Call to Offering Paul Stewart

Offertory Romances Sans Paroles, 3. - Andante Moderato,
- Faure

Reading Stories in the Making
-By Emily Richares

Cinda Gaynor

Hymn *Winds Be Still* #83

Sermon The Storyteller Within Us and the Element of Surprise
James Sulzer

Hymn *Love Will Guide Us* #131

Extinguishing the Chalice

It is our work, shared with each other in covenant, that creates and sustains this beloved community. We extinguish this chalice, but its light lives on in the directions we have chosen today. The light of this faith lives on in us, together, in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits.
-By Krista Taves

Closing Words Paul Stewart

Postlude Meditation from Thaïs,
- Massenet