

Sunday Worship First Parish A liberal religious community, welcoming to all First gathered 1739

November 3, 2024

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 6:21am and will set at 4:36pm *in sh'allah* bringing us 10 hours, 15 minutes of sunlight, 18 minutes less than last Sunday.

The moon is waxing to the first quarter on Saturday.

Today marks the end of Daylight Savings Time and we have set our clocks back one hour.

Tuesday is Election Day in the United States. In New England beginning in the 1630s, the Sunday sermon before "voting day" was devoted to the living of religious values in the life of the citizenry and the state.

Sounding of the Chime

In the sanctuary silence during the prelude is appreciated. Please also silence your cell phones and electronic devices.

Prelude

Promissory Notes Kenneth Seitz Kenneth Seitz, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Erica Richmond Parish Minister

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, Lead Minister

Song 12

Meditation on Breathing

Time for All Ages

Rev. Stevie Carmody Minister of Religious Education

As children leave for religious education we sing:

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

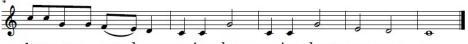
Vayan en paz, vayan en paz Pueda el amor rodear los siempre por doquier, por doquier que vayan.

Go Now in Peace -- Vayan en paz

Trans. Rev. Lilia Cuervo Natalie Sleeth



Va - yan en paz, va-yan en paz, Pue - da el a - mor__ ro-de -



love sur - round you ev-'ry where, ev-'ry-where, you may go. ar_ los si - em - pre por do-quier, por do-quier, que va - yan.

Spoken Memorials

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

On the first Sunday of the month the names of those in the community who died this year are read aloud. Those who died this month in the past are printed in the order of service.

Celebrations and Concerns

Julie Garry Lay Minister

If moved to do so, you may place a stone for a joy or sorrow you are holding in your heart. If you write a joy or sorrow on the card available at the back of the sanctuary, the ordained and lay ministers will hold it in their thoughts and prayers.

Interlude for the Placing of StonesCandle Music

Kenneth Seitz, piano

Prayer and Silent Meditation

David Whitford Worship Associate

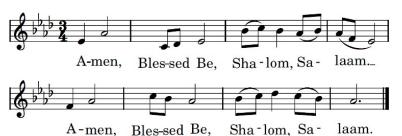
Musical Response

Amen, Blessed Be Kenneth Seitz, piano

Words: *Amen, Blessed Be. Shalom, Salaam.*Sung twice by the congregation

Amen, Blessed Be, Shalom, Salaam

Kenneth H. Seitz



Offering

Oye Jim Papoulis First Parish Choir

This Sunday half of your offering supports
Resource Organizing Project.
ROP collaborates with and provides training to
justice and liberation organizations
in New England.
ROP is endorsed by the
Reparations Interfaith Coalition
and the Episcopal Dioceses.

The remaining half of your offering supports the life and work of this Parish.

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Then follow the directions in the texts you receive. If you would like your entire offering to support your pledge, indicate "pledge" on your check.

Song 34 I Am Willing

Sermon Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond

Song 17 Swimming to the Other Side

Benediction Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

May faith in the Spirit of Life, Hope for the community of Earth, and Love of the sacred in one another Be ours now and in all the days to come.

Saying these words responsively is a custom at First Parish. You are invited to take the hand of one beside you or place your hand on their shoulder.

Postlude

Sympathy Rudolf Friml Kenneth Seitz, piano

Our postlude is the concluding passage of our common worship.

All are asked to remain seated during the postlude.

After worship those in the sanctuary are invited to move into the vestry for light refreshments and conversation.

If it is 11:30 parents are asked to quietly leave to pick up their children from the religious education program.

*** Post-Election Gatherings at First Parish ***

Post-Election Community Gathering

Thursday, November 7, 7:00pm, Vestry and Parlor Gather for companionship and to share perspectives. Join a conversation in the Vestry (adults and youth group) or all-ages crafting in the Parlor.

All-Ages Post-Election Dance Party

Saturday, November 9, 6:00pm, Vestry and Sanctuary All are welcome as we have some fun and blow off steam! Regardless of the results, this election season has taken a toll on our nervous systems. Let's move our bodies and find joy!

Worship and Reverberations

Sunday, November 10, 10:00am Rev. Marta Flanagan will preach, and the worship service will be followed by conversation in the Sanctuary facilitated by Marta and Rev. Erica.

For more information on the ballot questions please visit https://www.wbur.org/news/2024/09/26/voter-guide-massachusetts-boston-presidential-election-harris-trump

You Sing My Hymn, I Sing Yours

Welcome to worship at First Parish- whatever your story, wherever you are on your journey.

In worship we seek both affirmation and challenge, for these are necessary ingredients for spiritual growth and deepening.

We come with different theological and religious orientations, but we do not seek sameness or some common denominator. We engage in worship with open hearts and minds. Our sung and spoken words reflect a range of religious perspectives.

In worship, some elements will touch us deeply, and some will not. Whatever our personal preferences about the elements in any worship service, we say, *You sing my hymn, I sing yours*. In worship we give and receive.

The First Parish Worship Associates November 2015

First Parish's Mission

First Parish is committed to inward spiritual growth, side by side companionship of one another, and turning outward in our work in the world.

We choose to be a liberal religious community, welcoming to all.

We encourage each other on our spiritual journeys, Support one another through the changes in our lives, And challenge the excesses and injustices of our time. Called to love and upheld by joy, we live our faith.

Adopted by the members of First Parish Arlington MA March 28, 2010

Remembrances

November 2024

On the first Sunday of each month we remember loved ones who died that month in years past.

Lester Page, father of Wendy Page, died November 15, 1960

Ronald David Lipton, brother of Alan Linov, died November 14, 1973

Harry Friedlander, grandfather of Sherry Greene, died November 1973

Richard Coode Hodges, father of John Hodges, died November 1974

Florence Greene, grandmother of Sherry Greene, died November 1974

Jeffery Edwards Dunn, brother of Julie Dunn, died November 30, 1980

Martha Estabrook, mother of Tom Estabrook, died November 25, 1988

Rev. Kenrick Martin Baker, Jr., father of Katja Baker, died November 17, 1992

Perry Lockwood Gardner, father of P.J. Gardner, died November 9, 1994

Marion Aschaffenburg Baker, mother of Katja Baker, died November 27, 1997

Fred Zimmer, father of Bonnie Zimmer, died November 2, 1998 William J. Gardiner Sr., father of Bill Gardiner, died November 27, 2001

Jim Christmann, husband of Sue Costello, father of Pete and Will Christmann, died November 30, 2001

Gerard J. Silveri, father of Marisa Silveri, died November 10, 2002

Sophia Stillerman, mother of Joshua Stillerman, died November 13, 2002

Ira Smith Sheffler, father of Sue Sheffler, died November 2002

Edna Bashkin Smith, mother of Randy Smith, mother-in-law of Lori Kenschaft, died on November 8 or 9, 2003

Jim McMullin, father of Stephen McMullin, died November 10, 2004

Manuel Stillerman, father of Joshua Stillerman, died November 25, 2004

Evelyn Licea, mother of Erica Licea-Kane, died November 19, 2005

Barbara Walton, mother of Tracy Walton, died November 24, 2005

Mary Pelosi, mother of Andrea Pelosi Winslow, died November 23, 2008

> Thomas Elton Hartman, father of Jennifer Hartman Kobayashi, died November 30, 2009

Elizabeth Hering Gardner, mother of Annie Gardner, died November 2010

Mary Lou Cook, mother of Laura Cook, mother-in-law of Joe Cook "GrammaLou" of Daniel and Ben, died November 3, 2010

Gilda Stinson Bergman mother of Cynthia Stinson, died November 27, 2013

Webster O'Brien, husband of Jennifer O'Brien and father of Winter and Bennett o'Brien, died November 29, 2015

Marie Wildgrube Gomez, mother of Loren Gomez, died November 4, 2017

Raymond Simon, father of Melissa Berczuk, died November 7, 2017

Robert Matson, father of Jack Matson, died November 24, 2017

David Terry, father of Joe Terry, died November 27, 2017

Lynn Vanderpoel, mother of Ellen Robie, died November 29, 2017

Josephine Marie McMullin, mother of Stephen McMullin, died November 2, 2018

Barbara Foley, sister of Steve McMullin, died November 2, 2021

Phyllis Held, aunt of Bonnie Zimmer, died November 15, 2021 Paul Gysan, father of Joel Carlton-Gysan, died November 30, 2021

Lois E. Feeley, stepmother of Jeanne Feeley, died November 11, 2022

Robert Ehlert, father of Anne Ehlert, died November 20, 2022

Patricia Clark Kenschaft, mother of Lori Kenschaft, died November 20, 2022

Patricia Fernandez, mother of Anthony Fernandez, died November 2, 2023

Mary Miserlis aunt of Stephanie Miserlis, died November 18, 2023

Margarete Constanze Bosslet mother of Sibylle Bosslet, died November 21, 2023

Santo Pullara, father of Christine Pullara, died November 24, 2023

If you would like a loved one remembered in future months, contact spokenmemorials@firstparish.info

<u>First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington</u> www.firstparish.info

First Parish is a liberal religious community working toward another way to be and act in our time. As a Unitarian Universalist congregation (www.uua.org), we are not bound to any statement of belief or creed but to an aspiration to act in love. We believe personal experience, conscience and reason are final authorities in religion.

A religious education program for children meets during Sunday worship. Children are given the tools with which to answer their religious questions of the world.

To learn more, visit the information table after worship. You can sign up for the weekly E-Bulletin there or by emailing *churchoffice@firstparish.info*

First Parish is self governing and supported by members and friends who contribute their time, talent and treasure. The elected Parish Committee ("ParCom") is the governing board. ParCom can be reached at *Parishexec@firstparish.info*.

Anne Quaadgras, Chair John Anderson, Vice-Chair Joanna Pushee, Clerk Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer Jeff Keffer Steve McMullin Susan Moore Allan Tosti Kate Tranquada

Staff serve the members, leaders and mission of First Parish.

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Rev. Wendy Page, Affiliate Minister

A Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation, First Parish warmly and intentionally welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender people.