

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

March 30, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 6:31am and will set at 7:08pm *in sh'allah* bringing us 12 hours, 37 minutes of sunlight, 20 minutes more than last Sunday.

The moon is waxing to the first quarter on Friday

Tomorrow is Transgender Day of Visibility.

The extra candle on the chancel is lit to celebrate the beauty and vitality of our congregation's trans members, and to signify our commitment to the flourishing of trans people everywhere.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Por la serranía Sol y Canto

Sol v Canto:

Brian Amador, guitar/vocals Rosi Amador, vocals/hand percussion Queralt Giralt, cello/vocals

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tricia Brennan, Adjunct Minister

Stewardship Announcement

Amy Speare, Stewardship Committee Co-chair

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Congregational Affirmation

First Parish Mission Statement, adopted 2010

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

Hymn 18

What Wonderous Love

Time for All Ages

l Ages Rev. Stevie Carmody Minister of Religious Education with Spring Term Religious Education Teachers

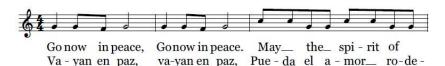
As children leave for religious education we sing:

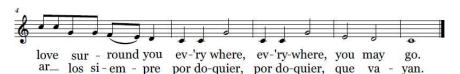
Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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





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. If you wish to speak of your joy or sorrow, please line up after placing your stone.

When you are motioned forward, speak into the microphone and tell us your name. Speak briefly and from your own experience.

Interlude for the Placing of Stones

Murmuration Sol y Canto Sol y Canto

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Loren Gomez, 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

A-men, Bles-sed Be, Sha-lom, Sa-laam.

A-men, Bles-sed Be, Sha-lom, Sa-laam.

Offering

Horizonte adentro Sol y Canto Sol y Canto

This Sunday half of the offering supports Resilient Sisterhood Project.

The Cambridge-based RSP educates and empowers women of African descent regarding common, yet rarely discussed, diseases of the reproductive system that disproportionately affect them.

RSP's understanding of the word "women" includes transgender women, cisgender women, gender queer, and gender non-conforming people who have a female reproductive system.

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

To donate using your smartphone, you may text "fpuu offering" to 73256. 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 or envelope.

Hymn 95

There is More Love Somewhere

Sermon

Ebonié Smith-Cooper Meadville Lombard Seminarian

Hymn 131

Love Will Guide Us

Benediction

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.

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.

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

Honor Roll of those Supporting First Parish

First Parish is in the midst of our annual pledge drive. A pledge is an amount each household commits to contribute to First Parish over the coming fiscal year.

We express gratitude and appreciation to the 248 households who have pledged their financial support to First Parish as of Friday morning.

Anonymous
Mette Aamodt
& Andrew Plumb
Ann Abbott
Katrina Adams
The Alliance
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Anne Goodwin
& David Langford
Jo Guthrie

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Chris Henriksen
& Carol Lewis
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Kobayashi
Ed Koenig
Olivia Kotsopoulos
& Graham Boswell
Steve Kropper
Arleen Kulin

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Rachel Lewellen
Philip & Debby Lewis
Bill & Erica Licea-Kane
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Margaret Lynch

Eileen Maher Allison Mahoney Sue Mapel & Tracy Walton Susan Marsh & Scott Jones Helene Martel Lissa & Mac McBurney **Bob McKersie** Suzanne McLeod Kim & Anna McMaken-Marsh Steve McMullin Kristen McNeely-Shaw & Eric Hustvedt Katherine & Sharie McNeill Marie Meteer & David McDonald Tish Miller & Jack Matson Brian Miller & Bev Morse Peter Miller Cheri & Avalon Minton Steph Miserlis Cathy Modica Susan Moore

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Sarah Quick
& Logan Castrucci
Emily Randall
Eric Reuss & Anne Cross
Julie Richardson
Erica Richmond
Michael Rie
Lindsey Rieder

Roberta Rinearson
& Bob Fowkes
Megan Rising
& Erica LeBow
Luchy Roa & Tim Keefe
Jeff Roberts
Ellen Robertson
Ellen & Fred Robie
Lynn Rosenbaum
Jean Rosenberg
& Peter Southwick
Tara Rosenberger Shankar
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John Stutz & Zoe Stewart
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Judy Young

Nearly two-thirds of our annual budget comes from pledges. To make your pledge for next year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026), go to <u>www.firstparish.info/give</u> by March 31.

Our sincere apologies for any omissions or errors. If your pledge is not on the list, you have any changes, or you would like to remain anonymous, please email stewardship@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 Joanna Pushee, Clerk Jeff Keffer Steve Allan Tosti John Anderson, Vice-Chair Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer McMullin Susan Moore Kate Tranquada

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

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, Lead Minister
Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond, Parish Minister (on leave)
Rev. Tricia Brennan, Adjunct Minister
Rev. Stevie Carmody, Minister of Religious Education
Daniel Parsley, Music Director
Kenneth Seitz, Director of Music, Emeritus
Rose Sawyer Marsh, Youth Program Coordinator
Bella Jaffe, Religious Education Assistant
Ebiere Omoregie, Office Manager
Allison Sillers, Office & Communications Associate
Jaqueline De Jesus, Sexton
Rev. Wendy Page, Affiliate Minister

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