



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 y 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 Wonderful Love

Time for All 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



Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the spi - rit of
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.

Celebrations and Concerns

Carolyn Carlson
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.
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

Kenneth H. Seitz



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.*

Postlude

La burbuja
Sol y Canto
Sol y Canto

*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
Alexander & Jenise
 Aminoff
Seth Anderson
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 & Mary Wisniewski
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Bill & Peggy Gardiner
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Kiki Giatis
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Anne Goodwin
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& Jason Merrill
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Julia Kenerson
& Eric Jerman
Michaela Kirby
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& Sarah Short
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Jennifer & Andrew
Kobayashi
Ed Koenig
Olivia Kotsopoulos
& Graham Boswell
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Betsy Leondar-Wright
James Leslie & Bodi Luse
Scott Lever & Jill Fekete

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Philip & Debby Lewis
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Holly Loring & Ruth Roper
Margaret Lynch

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& Scott Jones
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& Eric Hustvedt
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& David McDonald
Tish Miller & Jack Matson
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Steph Miserlis
Cathy Modica
Susan Moore

Jean Nagle
Nick Nagykerly
& Amy Prussack
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Monique Noelle

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& Cathy Slesnick
Robert & Marjorie Olson
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Larry Osgood
& Suzanne Reasenber

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Gail Page & Bob Rowlands
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Julius & Martha Pereli
Stephen Pillemer
& Helen Rasmussen
Joanne Pohl
Stanley Pollack
& Mary Fusoni
Sheherazade & David
Potere
Lillian Povey
Mara Prentiss
Jo Anne Preston
& John Burt
Jim Ptacek
& Bonnie Zimmer
Christine Pullara
Joanna Pushee
& Leon Dixon

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& David Dreyfus
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& Logan Castrucci
Emily Randall
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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
Andee Rubin
Greg Ruccio

Caryn Sandrew
& Alan Schweitzer
Annette Sassi
& Brian Wilson
Annette Sawyer
Dianne Schaefer
Robin Schoenthaler
Tina & Neil Schultz
Eric Segal & Anne Wright
Kenneth & Carol Seitz
Megan Shand
Sue Sheffler
Diane & John Shriver
Bill & Pennie Sibley
Tina & Jerry Silberman
Jitendra Singh
Stacey & Paul Sloboda
Sid Slobodkin
Randy Smith
& Lori Kenschaft
Russell Smith
& Val DePalma
Ebóní Smith-Cooper
& Julie Cooper

Tom & Rosemarie
Smurzynski
Kay Snowden
& James Lisieski
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& Myrna Cesare
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Amy & Phil Speare
Rachael Stark
Mary & Caroline Steuart
Carolyn Stevens
Cindy Stinson
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Heidi Swarts

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& Steve Stodola
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Sarah Trilling
& Lou Fiscarelli
Natalie Tyler

Barbara Van Zoeren
Bob Varnum & Rae Allain
Susan Vickers
Maryglenn Vincens
Jane Voytek

Brianna & Michael Walsh
Celia Wcislo
Carolyn White
David & Sara Whitford
Mark & Sharon Wilke
Joann & Allan Winkler
Lenore & Howard Winkler
Andrea & Richard
Winslow
Carol Wintle

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 www.firstparish.info/give 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.*

First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington

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
Allan Tosti	Kate Tranquada
Susan Moore	

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.