



Sunday Worship

First Parish

A liberal religious community, welcoming to all

First gathered 1739

May 4, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 5:36am and will set at 7:47pm *in sh'allah*
bringing us 14 hours, 11 minutes of sunlight,
17 minutes more than last Sunday.

The moon is waxing toward the first quarter this evening.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Serenade
Sigmund Romberg
Kenneth Seitz, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Bill Licea-Kane, Worship Associate

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Bill Licea-Kane

Hymn 42

Morning, So Fair to See

Time for All Ages

Rev. Stevie Carmody
Minister of Religious Education

As children leave for religious education we sing:

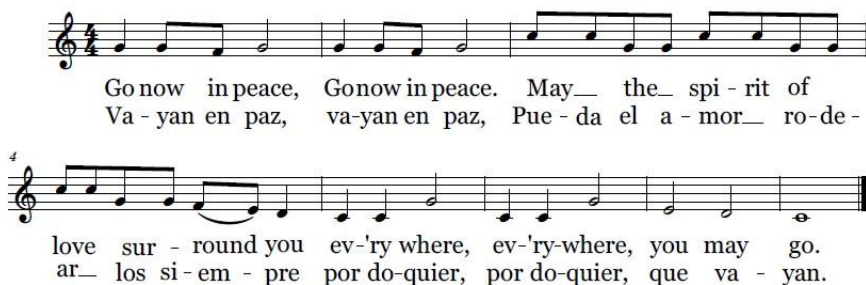
Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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



The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics continue below the staff.

Go now in peace, Gonow 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.

Spoken Memorials

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan
Lead Minister

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 Stones

Stones Music
Kenneth Seitz, piano

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Marta Flanagan

Musical Response

Amen, Blessed Be
Kenneth Seitz, piano

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

Offering

Love Has Broken Down the Wall
Mark Miller
First Parish Choir

*This Sunday half of the offering supports the
Massachusetts Bail Fund.
The Massachusetts Bail Fund (MBF) pays bail
to secure freedom from pre-trial incarceration
so that those who cannot afford their bail
can be in their community to fight their case.*

*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 128

For All That Is Our Life

Sermon

Rev. Tricia Brennan
Adjunct Minister

Hymn 295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

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

Hope
Felix Mendelssohn
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.*

Memorials and Remembrances

May 2025

*During worship on the first Sunday of each month
we remember loved ones who died that month in years past.*

Marta Bressoud Morris,
grandmother of Marta Morris Flanagan, died May 5, 1977

Felix Brown,
brother-in-law of Mary-Beth Landy, died May 28, 2004

Ruth F. Langford,
mother of David Langford, died May 16, 2009

Carl Murphy,
dear friend of the Hodges family, died May 8, 2011

William Cullinane,
father of Joanne Cullinane, died on May 18, 2011

Dianne Polseno,
dear friend of Sue Mapel & Tracy Walton, died May 12, 2012

Ann Piepol,
mother of Joanne Piepol, died May 20, 2013

Gerald Davis,
father of Jennifer Davis-Kay, died May 25, 2014

Eleanor Thurston,
mother of Randal Thurston, died May 27, 2014

Sandra (Sandy) King,
member of First Parish, died May 27, 2016

Donald Baker,
uncle of Clarissa Rodriguez, died May 5, 2018

Carl Schlaikjer,
husband of Katherine Douglas, died May 7, 2018

John Harrison,
grandfather of Christina Harrison, died May 8, 2018

Alvin Jacobson,
father of Marc Jacobson, died May 21, 2018

Rayleen Keffer,
mother of Jeff Keffer, died May 25, 2018

Eileen Eisele,
wife of Greg Ruccio and mother of Joji Ruccio
died May 26, 2018

Dorothy Billie Morris Flanagan,
mother of Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, died May 8, 2019

Fred Chichester,
stepfather of Lori Kenschaft, died May 6, 2021

Alice B. Christopher,
mother of Ruben Hopwood, died May 16, 2021

Jan Eugen Gustav Aminoff,
father of Alexander Aminoff, grandfather of Annelise and
Noelle Aminoff, died May 15, 2022

Bonnie Rising,
Mother of Megan Rising, mother-in-law of Erica LeBow,
'Grammy' of Rose and Magnolia, died May 24, 2022

Tsun-Kong Lee,
father of Robin Baker, died May 30, 2022

Mary Siddall,
mother of Tony Siddall, mother-in-law of Danie,
grandmother of Jake and Emmie, died May 31, 2022

Rachel Masson,
wife of Mary-Beth Landy, died May 7, 2024

Meg Candilore,
wife of Paul Candilore, died May 22, 2024

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

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

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
	Susan Moore
Allan Tosti	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.