



Sunday Worship

First Parish

A liberal religious community, welcoming to all

First gathered 1739

June 1, 2025

Coming of Age Credo Service

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 5:10am and will set at 8:15pm *in sh'allah*
bringing us 15 hours, 4 minutes of sunlight,
8 minutes more than last Sunday.

The moon is waxing toward the first quarter on Monday.

At First Parish, we honor the passage from childhood
towards adulthood through our Coming of Age program.
Our service will include Credo ("I Believe") statements from the
Coming of Age class.

June is Pride Month for LBTGQ+ peoples.
Pride Month in June commemorates the Stonewall Uprising
on June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City,
a turning point in the LGBTQ+ rights movement.
The first gay pride parade was held on June 28, 1970,
one year after the Stonewall uprising, and
it marked the beginning of Pride celebrations.

This morning a flame burns in the blue ceramic chalice on the
chancel table in commemoration and in honor of Pride.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Wade in the Water
Arranged by Sondra K. Tucker
First Parish Bell Choir
Jennifer Kobayashi – director
John Hodges
Andrew Kobayashi
Adam MacNeill
Yanni Peri-Okonny

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Stevie Carmody
Minister of Religious Education

Honoring our Youth Program Coordinator

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting Mary Breen
Worship Associate

Hymn 38 *Morning Has Broken*

Gratitude for All Ages Betsy Carlton-Gysan and
Religious Education Volunteers

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.

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

Greg Ruccio
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

Crested Hens
Gilles Chabenat
Graham Boswell, cello
Anne Goodwin, guitar
Dave Langford, violin
David Whitford, violin

Senior High Blessing

Rev. Stevie Carmody, Minister of Religious Education
Rose Sawyer Marsh, Youth Program Coordinator
Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

Congregational Blessing (*in unison*)

We bless you, recognizing the Good in each of you.
We give thanks for the ways
 you've supported and challenged
 this liberal religious community.
We delight in who you've been
 and we are eager to get to know
 who you will become.

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond, Parish Minister

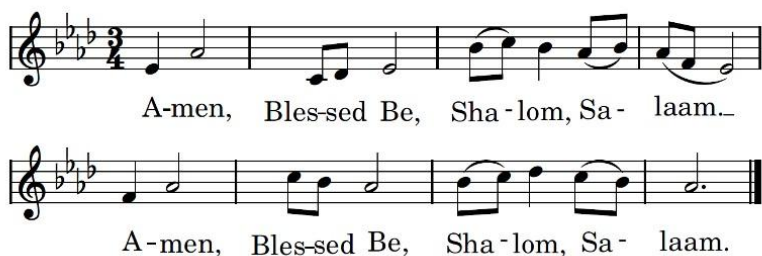
Musical Response

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



Coming of Age Ceremony

Arch of Love

Rev. Stevie Carmody

Processional

Faded
Alan Walker

Reflection on Coming of Age

Rev. Stevie Carmody

Credos

Coming of Age Class

Offering

Welcome Home
The Gospel Plowboys
The Youth Group Band

The youth group brought this song back from their service trip to West Virginia, where they shared our songs and learned new songs from the religious communities in Appalachia.

This Sunday half of the offering supports The Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth (BAGLY). For nearly 50 years, BAGLY has been a youth-led, adult-supported social support organization, committed to social justice and creating, sustaining, and advocating for programs, policies, and services for the LGBTQ+ youth community in Massachusetts.

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.

Credos

Coming of Age Class

Recessional

Good Old Days
Macklemore feat Kesha

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

Slängpolska Efter Byss-Kalle

Carl Ersson Bössa
Graham Boswell, cello
Anne Goodwin, guitar
Dave Langford, violin
David Whitford, violin

*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

June 2025

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

Joseph Lyle Baldwin,
grandfather of Pamela Baldwin, died June 11, 1978

Maria Gomez de Dodd,
mother of Lilia Cuervo, died June 6, 1993

William Heller,
father of Peter Heller, died June 1, 1994

James Snowden,
father of Kay Snowden, died June 18, 1996

Jennifer Terry,
sister of Joseph Terry, died June 26, 1997

George Van Norman Whitford,
father of David Whitford, died June 20, 1999

Sandy Fries,
wife of Jeff Keffer, died June 16, 2002

Johannes Svenson,
father of Sonke Svenson, died June 21, 2002

Eric Jon Westerdahl,
lifelong friend of Frank Snyder Di Cesare,
died June 10, 2008

Muriel Hobel,
mother of Marlene Hobel, died June 27, 2008

Stephen Berczuk,
father of Steve Berczuk, died June 19, 2009

Adam Trypus,
father of Carol Svenson, died June 6, 2011

Christopher Arnold Jones,
husband of Alisa Conner, died June 25, 2014

Dennis Slattery,
husband of Paulette Slattery, died June 19, 2015

Levni Sinanoglu,
brother of Elif Armbruster, died June 1, 2016

Sara McKenzie Hunter,
mother of Elizabeth Hunter, died June 15, 2016

Jack Farman,
father of Jessica Farman, died June 22, 2016

Trish Merrill,
mother of Jason Merrill, died June 2, 2017

Ethel Sheffler,
mother of Sue Sheffler, died June 5, 2018

Mark Feeley,
brother of Jeanne Feeley, died June 10, 2018

David Boynton Parke,
former husband of Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan,
died June 6, 2020

Rev. John Marsh,
interim minister at First Parish 2007-2009,
died June 6, 2021

Jean Katz,
mother of Maggie Carey and grandmother of Kiki Carey,
died June 29, 2023

Julia Jonathan,
mother of Anna Callahan, died June 4, 2024

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

2025 Graduating Senior Youth

Alice Hunter

Child of Elizabeth Hunter and Jason Merrill

Co-Leader of the Youth Group

Hi, my name is Alice and I'm a senior at Somerville High School. I've been coming to First Parish since I was a toddler and I have so many wonderful memories, from playing with the choir robes as a little kid to our service trip to West Virginia this year. I've enjoyed all my many different roles throughout my time in Youth Group, this year serving as one of the Co-Leaders. Next year I will be taking a gap year, mainly focusing on travel, before pursuing a degree in Architecture. Thank you so much to all the incredible people who have made this such an amazing community to grow up in.

Anton Rie

Child of Barbara Dumery and Michael Rie

Chaplain of the Youth Group

Hi, my name is Anton and I'm a senior at Arlington High School. I began going to First Parish in first grade and was Chaplain this year and Co-music coordinator last year. My fondest memories at First Parish have been Ferry Beach, Youth Group Lock-Ins, and the service trip to West Virginia this year. Next year, I will be staying close at Tufts University studying some mix of Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering.

Daniel Berczuk

Child of Melissa Berczuk and Steve Berczuk

Music Coordinator of the Youth Group

Hi, I'm Daniel and I'm a senior at Arlington High School. I have been attending First Parish since second grade. This year I was the music coordinator for the youth group. In the fall I will be studying civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

Lucas Fernandez

*Child of Christa Kelleher and Anthony Fernandez
Food Coordinator of the Youth Group*

Hi, my name is Lucas and I'm a senior at Arlington High School. I have been coming to FPUU since I was 2 years old and I have had so many great experiences here. Some of my favorites are the Christmas Eve services with darkness and candles, eating goldfish in R.E. and playing sardines with the Youth Group. Next year, I will be attending Ithaca College to study Vocal Performance and Music Education!

Samantha Rauh

*Child of Carolyn Carlson
Co-Leader of the Youth Group*

Hi, I'm Samantha Rauh and I'm a senior at Arlington High School. I've been coming to First Parish since I was in second grade. I'm a Youth Group co-leader and I've really valued the community over the past few years! My favorite memories of First Parish are Ferry Beach, Youth Group service trips, and teaching RE. Next year, I'm going to Smith College to study government and chemistry.

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.

Marie Meter, Chair	Kate Tranquada, Vice-Chair
Joanna Pushee, Clerk	Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer
John Anderson	Jeff Keffer
	Susan Moore
Amy Speare	Allan Tosti

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

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, *Lead Minister*

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond, *Parish 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.