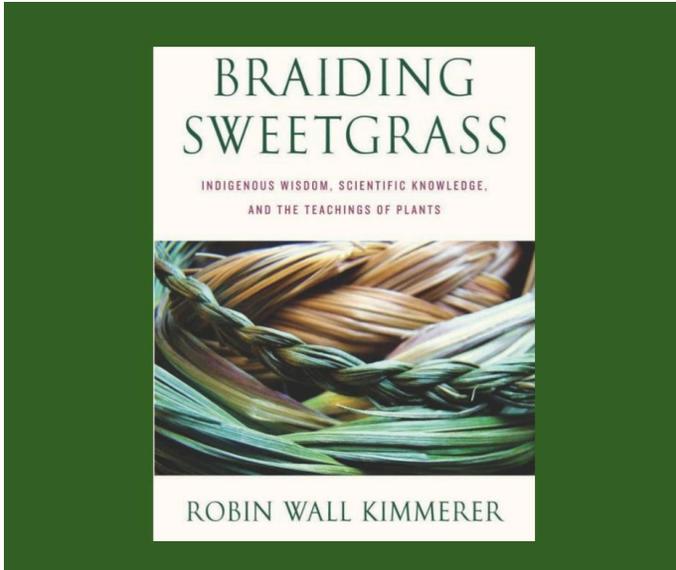


*First Parish of Sudbury  
Unitarian Universalist  
March 22, 2020*



*Braiding Sweetgrass (Online)*

*Rev. Katie Lee Crane*

March 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE First Parish Choir  
I perceive the Spring in the Softened Air, from Acquaintance With Nature by  
Gwyneth Walker

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS Rev. Katie Lee Crane

CHALICE LIGHTING, in unison  
We light our chalice as a beacon of hope in troubled times.  
May it hold us in the light as we seek to help one another  
navigate uncharted territory.

READING – Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Albright College Choir  
Now I Walk in Beauty, Navajo Prayer

SERMON Rev. Katie Lee

SILENT REFLECTION/MEDITATION

OFFERING Noriko Yasuda  
Piano Solo: “Semplice”

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE (in unison):  
We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Concordia Choir  
The Promise of Living

## MUSIC

### PRELUDE

I perceive the Spring in the Softened Air from Acquaintance With Nature by Gwyneth Walker

*I perceive the spring in the softened air.  
Looking through the transparent vapors, all surfaces look more vivid.  
The hardness of winter is relaxed.  
I do not know that the woods are ever more beautiful or affect me more.  
How silent are the footsteps of spring!  
I perceive the spring in the softened air.*

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Now I Walk in Beauty  
Navajo Prayer

*Now I walk in beauty,  
Beauty is before me,  
Beauty is behind me,  
Above and below me.*

### POSTLUDE

The Promise of Living  
Libretto by Horace Everett (pseudonym of Erik Johns), Aaron Copland, music

*The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving  
is born of our loving our friends and our labor.*

*The promise of growing with faith and with knowing  
is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.*

*For many a year we've known these fields and known all the work that makes them yield.  
Are you ready to lend a hand? We'll bring in the harvest, the blessings of harvest.*

*We plant each row with seeds of grain, and Providence sends us the sun and the rain.  
By lending a hand, by lending an arm, bring out from the farm,  
bring out the blessings of harvest.*

*Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain.  
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain.  
Come join us in thanking the Lord for his blessing.  
O let us be joyful. O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.*

*The promise of ending in right understanding  
is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.*

*O let us sing our song, and let our song be heard.  
Let's sing our song with our hearts, and find a promise in that song.  
The promise of living.  
The promise of growing.  
The promise of ending is labor and sharing our loving.*



### MILESTONES, ANNOUNCEMENTS and Q&A

Will be offered during our online coffee hour. Please click the Coffee Hour button to join us.

### **Thanks to Those Assisting Today:**

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- First-time users: First create an account (See the link in the top right corner of the screen to sign up). You will have an opportunity to set up pledges or gifts via credit card for First Parish.
  - Select the Fund of your choice;
  - Select whether the gift is one time or reoccurring;
  - Select the amount
- As FPS is charged 2.75% of each credit card transaction, we ask you to consider adding this percentage to your total gift.*

## Welcome

First Parish of Sudbury Unitarian Universalist is a community of seekers that recognizes the dignity and worth of every human being, affirms each person's search for truth and meaning, asserts our commitment to freedom, and espouses the democratic process. We embrace diversity and include all who share the principles and goals of our community. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we have made the commitment to be intentional about welcoming the presence and participation of gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual persons in all aspects of our congregational life. Together we celebrate the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part.

If you are new to the area or to First Parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have questions, would like to enroll your child in our religious education program, or would like to speak to our minister, please ask an usher for assistance.

Every program at First Parish is funded by voluntary contributions. Members and friends make pledges during our annual canvass. To find out how to make a pledge at another time, please speak to the Assistant Treasurer or to a greeter.

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