

*First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist*

April 12, 2020



Bunnies, Eggs and Whatnot (Online)

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

April 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

Canticle of Brother Sun

First Parish Choir

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING, in unison (*Rev. Evin Carvill Ziemer*)

If we lived in another climate

Our souls might speak other languages...

But our souls speak spring...

We gather to nurture our faith in our own growing

Our own courage to push through

Our own blossoming in beauty...

HYMN

Gather The Spirit

Jim Scott

READING – *An Easter Meditation* by Samuel A. Trumbore

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Agnus Dei

First Parish Choir

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

SILENT REFLECTION/MEDITATION

OFFERING

The Blue Green Hills of Earth

First Parish Choir

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

Let Us Go Forth

First Parish Choir

MUSIC

Most of the music for this morning's service is from *Missa Gaia – Earth Mass* by Paul Winter, Jim Scott, Paul Halley, Oscar Castro-Neves and Kim Oler. It is an ecological and ecumenical Mass in celebration of Mother Earth.

These recordings are from our 2007 Spring Music Sunday with Maya Bloom as soprano soloist and guest musicians including:

saxophone	Jim Scott, guitar and vocals	Stan Strickland,
cello	Kathryn Rosenbach, piano	Sarah Hartman,
	Mark Kohler and Bill MacGillivray, drums and percussion	

Throughout, this work incorporates recordings of various animal “songs” including wolves, humpback whales and harp seal pups.

PRELUDE *Canticle of Brother Sun* First Parish Choir
From *Missa Gaia-Earth Mass*
Text: St. Francis of Assisi, Book of Job, and F.S. Pierpont
Music: Jim Scott and Paul Winter

All praise be yours through Brother Sun,
All praise be yours through Sister Moon.
By Mother Earth my Lord be praised,
By Brother Mountain, Sister Sea.
Through Brother Wind and Brother Air,
Through Sister Water, Brother Fire;
The stars above give thanks to thee;
All praise to those who live in peace.

All praise be yours through Brother Wolf,
All praise be yours through Sister Whale.
By Nature's song my Lord be praised,
By Brother Eagle, Sister Loon.
Through Brother Tiger, Sister Seal,
Through Sister Flower, Brother Tree.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee.
All praise to those who live in peace.

Ask of the beasts and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.
Ask of the trees and they shall teach you

the beauty of the earth.

Ask of the winds and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

Ask of the flowers and they shall teach you
the beauty of the earth.

For the beauty of the Earth,
sing oh sing today.

Of the sky and of our birth,
sing oh sing always.

Nature, human and divine,
all around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise
grateful hymns of praise.

Brother Sun.

HYMN *Gather The Spirit*

Jim Scott, music with new Coronavirus words by Pat Lamanna

Based on “Gather the Spirit” © 1990 Jim Scott, new words by Pat Lamanna
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Gather in spirit, not face to face.

Let's do what we can to flatten the curve.

Wash your hands often, don't touch your face.

This virus is something no one deserves.

CHORUS: Gather on Skype, gather on Zoom,
Gather by phone with family and friends.
Gather online, but don't leave your room
Let's all stay safe till this crisis ends.

Gather on Facebook, not for too long,
There's so many ways to sweeten the time.
Take up crocheting, write a new song,
Read a good book, bake brownies sublime.

CHORUS: Gather on Skype, gather on Zoom...

Gather in spirit, pray for the scared,
The sick and the poor, the lonely at home.

Count all your blessings, reach out and share.
Let everyone see that they're not alone.

CHORUS: Gather on Skype, gather on Zoom...

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Agnus Dei* First Parish Choir
From Missa Gaia-Earth Mass
Text: Traditional Latin (with recorded voices of harp seal pups)
Music: Jim Scott and Paul Winter *Choral setting by Jim Scott*

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis
Dona nobis pacem
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
grant us peace.*

OFFERING *The Blue Green Hills of Earth* First Parish Choir
From Missa Gaia-Earth Mass
Text & Music: Kim Oler *Choral setting by Paul Halley*

For the earth, forever turning;
For the skies, for all the seas;
For our lives, for all we cherish,
Sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures;
In their silent majesty;
For the stars, for all the heavens,
Sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder,
For the seasons' harmony;
For our lives, for all creation,
Sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices,
For the home that gives us birth;
In our joy, we sing, returning,
Home to our blue-green hills of earth.

- words & music by Kim Oler, 1990

POSTLUDE *Let Us Go Forth* First Parish Choir
(Reprise of Canticle of Brother Sun) From Missa Gaia-Earth Mass
Text: St. Francis of Assisi, Book of Job, and F.S. Pierpont
Music: Jim Scott and Paul Winter
- see text for Prelude

Welcome

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:

Technical Assistance: If you need technical support please email techsupport@FPSudbury.org and a member of our team will be in touch.

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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.

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