

*First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist*

May 10, 2020



A Mother's Arms

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

May 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE *Clair de Lune*
Claude Debussy

Noriko Yasuda, piano

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING, in unison (by Rev. L.A. McCrae)

We light this chalice for mothers and mothering;
to celebrate those who have taken on the task of nurturing a young one-baby,
child, or youth-into adulthood;
to celebrate those who have nourished the light of truth and compassion in
growing minds and hearts;
to celebrate those who have committed time, money, energy to the growth of
others in this world.
We light this chalice to celebrate and hold dear this flame of love.

READING – Let Us Tell Stories of Mothers by Maureen Killoran

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* First Parish Choir
Jane Taylor (1783–1824), words; Daniel Elder, music

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

OFFERING *The 23rd Psalm* from Requiem
Kristin Fleischmann-Rose, oboe John Rutter

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. *Songs Without Words, Op. 30 No. 1*
Felix Mendelssohn

Noriko Yasuda, piano

MUSIC

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Daniel Elder music arr.

Complete lyrics of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. Perhaps it is little known that Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star actually consists of 5 verses, with the fifth verse rarely sung. Here's the complete 5 verses, taken from the Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes (2nd edition, 1997), with the repetition of the first two lines added to fit the melody.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are! Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

When the blazing sun is gone, When he nothing shines upon, Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

Then the traveler in the dark, Thanks you for your tiny spark, He could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

In the dark blue sky you keep, And often through my curtains peep, For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

As your bright and tiny spark, Lights the traveler in the dark,— Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

The 23rd Psalm from Requiem John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore I can lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shall prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Welcome

MILESTONES, ANNOUNCEMENTS and Q&A

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

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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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