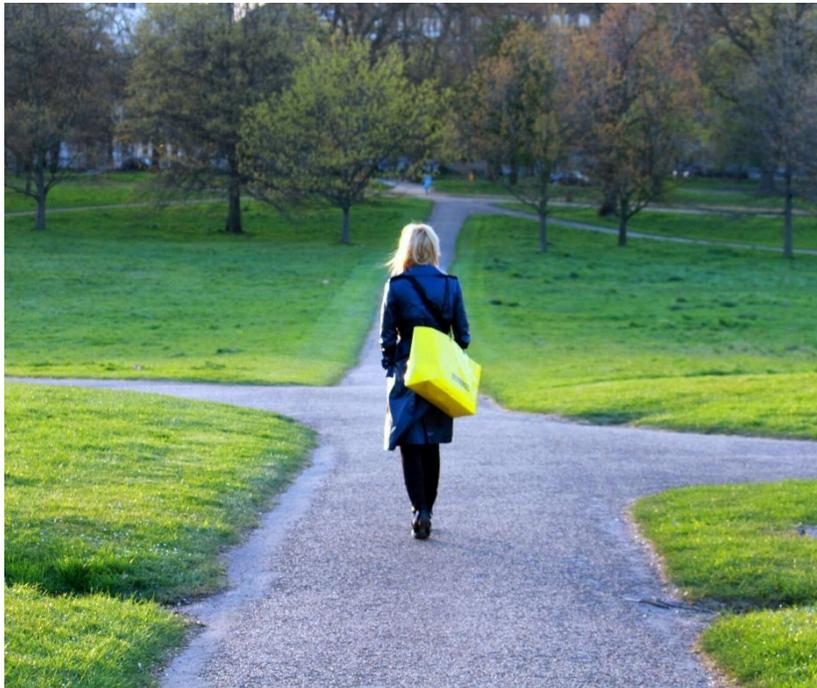


*First Parish of Sudbury  
Unitarian Universalist*

*May 31, 2020*



Are You Ready?

*Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty*

May 31, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace*  
Virginia Harmony 1831

Guest Jazz Ensemble

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING, in unison (by Rev. Debra Faulk)

A chalice lit in our midst is a symbol of our liberal faith,  
A faith built on the foundation of freedom, reason and tolerance  
A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice  
A faith that visions a world flourishing, with equality for all her people  
A faith that demands the living out of goodness  
A faith that requires thoughtfulness  
A faith of wholeness  
This tiny flame is the symbol of the spark of all this within each of us.

READING – by *Victoria Safford*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Pages from “Kindling”* Music and lyrics: Elizabeth Alexander  
Performance by Harmonium Choral Society with conductor Anne Matlack

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

OFFERING From *People Get Ready*

Words & music by Curtis Mayfield  
Soloists: Maddie Sifantus, Terry Lockhart & Dave Allen

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 *Hand it Over*  
Words & Music by Kevin Moore  
Soloist: Ed Sheer

First Parish Choir with TVS  
& Guest Musicians

## NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

### PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace* from Virginia Harmony, 1831

Guest Jazz Ensemble –  
Hunter Bennet – B3 organ  
Larry Luddeke – piano  
Wendy Sobel – guitar  
Randy Bramwell – bass  
Isaac Haselkorn - drums

### MUSICAL INTERUDE

Moving forward with the patient, deliberate steps of visionary souls past and present, "Pages" surveys the challenges of the world with clear-eyed compassion and resolve. By turns both heart-lifting and heart-rending, it concludes with a call to action for all people of conscience.

"Pages" from *Kindling* – 2<sup>nd</sup> movement of the cantata, "Kindling: Small Reflections on a Limitless Faith"

- Words & music by Elezibeth Alexander

On the pages of the morning paper,  
People rebuild shattered schools and restore lifeless lakes,  
Knit reconciliation out of promise and pain,  
And sing to the deathly ill and the newly born.  
Constitutions are still being written,  
And slaves freed, and truces forged.  
We finish our breakfasts and roll up our own sleeves.

### OFFERING

*People Get Ready*

Words & music by Curtis Mayfield  
Soloists: Maddie Sifantus, Terry Lockhart & Dave Allen

Band: Larry Luddeke – piano & vocals  
Wendy Sobel – guitar & vocals  
Reed Butler – electric bass & vocals  
Ed Sheer – drums & vocals

People get ready, there's a train a comin'  
Ya don't need no baggage, ya just get on board.  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan

Pickin' up passengers coast to coast.  
Faith is the key, open the doors and board them.  
There's hope for all among those loved the most.

There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner  
who would hurt all mankind just to save his own.  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
For there's no hidin' place against the kingdom's throne.

People get ready, there's a train a comin'  
Ya don't need no baggage, ya just get on board.  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.

### POSTLUDE

*Hand it Over* First Parish Choir with TVS & Guest Musicians  
Words & Music by Kevin Moore  
Soloist: Ed Sheer

Musicians -

TVS: Maddie Sifantus, Suzanne Boucher & Sally Sweitzer

Band: Larry Luddeke – piano & vocals  
Wendy Sobel – guitar & vocals  
Reed Butler – electric bass & vocals  
Ed Sheer – drums & vocals

If your problems won't go away  
and you're worried night and day,  
hand it over, get on your knees and pray.

If you're sick and feelin' low  
got no money, nowhere to go,  
hand it over, get on your knees and pray (get on your knees and pray)

Aint' no mountain  
you can't climb;  
ain't no answer  
you can't find.  
All you need is a hand to hold.  
It'll heal your body  
and feed your soul.

The road is dark (the road is dark)  
But you can find your way (find your way)

Let the spirit (let the spirit) light the way (light the way)  
Hand it over, get on your knees and pray (get on your knees and pray)



### **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](mailto:techsupport@FPSudbury.org) and a member of our team will be in touch.

Mark Trone  
Chad Trexler

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Debra Morris-Bennett  
Steve Gabler

Terry Lockhart  
Ben Reiner

#### **Text your offering**

TEXT NUMBER: [833-448-6403](tel:833-448-6403)

In body of text put # amount (over \$3)

The first time you give, you'll be directed to fill in personal info/credit card info,

Submit and receive an email and text receipt!

#### ***Directions for online giving:***

We thank you for your generosity!

- 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 recurring pledges payments or gifts via credit card for First Parish.

- Select the Fund of your choice;
- Select whether the gift is one time or recurring;
- 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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