

**First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist**



Homecoming
Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

September 13, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

Gatherings
Sydney Stevens

Rev. Debra Morris-Bennet, piano

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING by Rev. Gretchen Haley

What our faith asks of us, what our faith imagines for us, is that somehow, right at that moment when our hearts break, we will find our way to see through that heartbreak. We will stay put – not close off, not run away, not hurt back – but keep on being in relationship, doing what we can to repair the world and each other.

HYMN

*I've Got Peace Like a River**I've got peace like a river (3x)**I've got peace like a river in my soul.**I've got joy like a fountain (3x)**I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.**I've got love like an ocean (3x)**I've got love like an ocean in my soul.**I've got tears like the raindrops (3x)**I've got tears like the raindrops in my soul**I've got strength like a mountain (3x)**I've got strength like a mountain in my soul.*

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Rainbow Fish
Marcus Pfister

Trexler Family

BLENDING THE WATERS

Rev. Marjorie

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Springs of Water

James Michael Stevens

HOMILY

Rev. Marjorie

SILENT MEDITATION

OFFERING

The Water Is Wide
arr. Michael Logoza

Rev. Debra, piano

UNISON CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

Rev. Marjorie

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

Rev. Marjorie

POSTLUDE

At The River
Aaron Copland

First Parish Choir

Milestones, announcements, and Q&A will be offered during our online social hour. Please remain in the Zoom meeting after the postlude ends to join us.

Thank you to those assisting today!

Music: Rev. Debra Morris-Bennet and Michael Tyo

Remote Offering

We offer two options for giving remotely.

Online: [Click here](#) to be taken to our online payments portal. If this is your first time using the portal, you will need to create an account using the link in the top-right corner of your screen. Then, select the fund you would like to donate to, whether the gift is one-time or recurring, and put in the amount you would like to give.

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We thank you for your generosity!

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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 apart.

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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