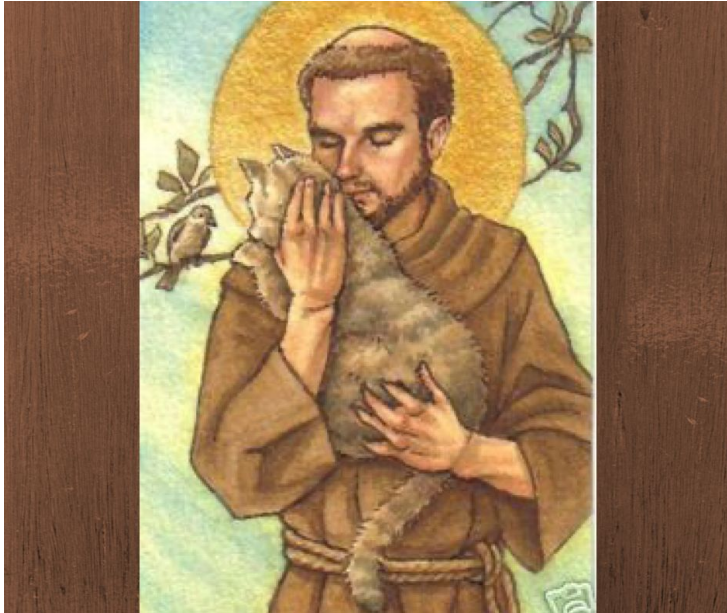


**First Parish of Sudbury  
Unitarian Universalist**



**Blessing of the Animals**  
Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

October 4, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

*Stained-Glass Morning*  
Cello improvisation by Eugene Friesen  
Transcribed for guitar by Jim Scott  
With recorded bird songs

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Marjorie

Listen. Listen to silence. Listen to the wind.  
Listen to the stars.  
Hear trees.  
Dance.  
Dance to the beat of your neighbor's heart.  
Dance to the rhythm of your childhood dreams...  
Come, let us howl our hallelujahs,  
Come, let us pray and sing and celebrate.  
Come, let us worship together.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

*Horton Hears a Who*  
Dr. Seuss

Rev. Marjorie

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Rev. Marjorie

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Jazz For Cows*  
The New Hot 5

Musician

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

SILENT MEDITATION

OFFERING

*Top 5 Animals Reacting to Music*  
Created by csoundmusic

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

*The Cat Aria*

**To join in for today's service,** [click here](#) to be taken to our regular Zoom meeting. When prompted for a password, enter 12345.

**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-Bennett 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.

*By text message:* Simply text 833-448-6403 with the amount you would like to give in the body of your text (over \$3). The first time you give this way, you will be directed to fill in your personal and credit card info. Submit, and receive a receipt by email and text!

We thank you for your generosity!

*As FPS is charged 2.75% of each credit card transaction, we ask you to consider adding this percentage to your total gift.*

## Notes on Today's Music

This morning's music is... a bit unconventional, but fun and fitting for our blessing of the animals who fill our lives with such joy!

### **Jazz For Cows**

Performed by The New Hot 5. The unedited footage is now uploaded on our channel in two parts. If you want to hear more, check out our other videos of concerts for humans. The two songs in this video are both in the public domain: 1. "When the Saints Go Marching In" is a traditional early American folk hymn of unknown origin. 2. "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home" composed by Hughie Cannon (1877--1912) was published in 1902.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXKDu6cdXLI>

### **Top 5 Animals Reacting to Music**

Their reactions are priceless. Compiled by CSound Music & Instruction School  
Facebook and YouTube: CSound Music Lessons & Instruction School

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VNNIV\\_159c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VNNIV_159c)

### **The Cat Aria**

Sung by mother-daughter duet: Sarah and Rachel Milt

Director of Music – John Kramer, piano

Giaochino Rossini, composer (public domain)

Winchester Unitarian Society, Winchester, MA

Performed for their Blessing of the Animals service

<https://www.facebook.com/heather.janules/videos/10158364761378673>

## 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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