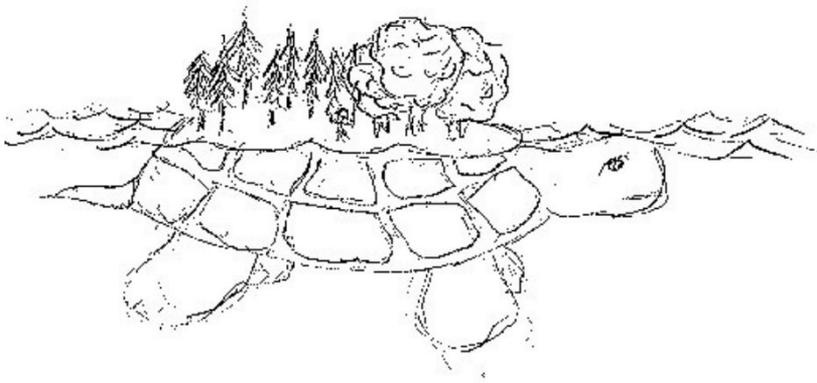


**First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist**



Indigenous Peoples' Day
Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

October 11, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano “Genesis”

Hunter Bennett, clarinet

1. “The Sea and the Land”

Noriko Yasuda, piano

2. “The Creatures Thereon”

by Gwyneth Walker

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Marjorie

We light this chalice
to remember the light within,
to know that the hunger we feel inside
is not an emptiness,
but the echo of an inner wisdom
that already knows what we need.
May our time together
help us welcome that voice,
and each other,
back home.

HYMN #163

For the Earth Forever Turning

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev’ry sea;
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 bluegreen hills of earth.

READING

Peace Path
Heid E. Erdrich

Rev. Marjorie

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

The Musical Interlude and Offering were taken from a larger work entitled “The Great Trees” by Gwyneth Walker and are musical settings of the poetry of Wendell Berry. The poetry and music focus on the beauty and spirituality of nature – trees, birds, still water – “one household, high and low”.

The Sonata for Clarinet & Piano by Gwyneth Walker played for the prelude and postlude, is called “Genesis” for it springs from images of the beginning of the world: the sea and the land, then the creatures on the earth, and then the human spirit rising to the heavens above. This music is intended as a testament to the power of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

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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