



First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Giving Thanks Near and Far



Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

November 22, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

We Gather Together
Clif Hardin

Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett, piano

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Marjorie

We light this chalice as a symbol of faith, hope and love.

To face the shadows, a chalice of light.

To face iniquity, a chalice of justice.

To face falsehood, a chalice of truth.

To face evil, a chalice of goodness.

To face disharmony, a chalice of beauty.

May your brightness, manifestation of the Infinite Light, bless our hearts, our spirits and our lives.

HYMN

Come Ye Thankful People

Come, ye thankful people come, raise a song of harvest home:

fruit and crops are gathered in, safe before the storms begin;

God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise a song of harvest home.

All the world is but a field, given for a fruitful yield,

wheat and tares together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown:

first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

God of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Thankful
Eileen Spinelli

Rev. Marjorie

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

First Parish Choir

Music adapted by Jim Scott

Lyric adapted by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint

First Parish Choir, 2020

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

SILENT MEDITATION

OFFERING

Simple Gifts
Clif Hardin

Rev. Debra, piano

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

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.

Rev. Marjorie

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Marjorie

CLOSING HYMN

We Gather Together

We gather together in joyful thanksgiving,
acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share;
both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living,
we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.

We gather together to join in the journey,
confirming, committing our passage to be
a true affirmation, in joy and tribulation,
when bound to human care and hope – then we are free.

Today's service can be accessed via [this link](#). If you are 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.

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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

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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