



First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Reframing 2020



Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

December 27, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE *Pastorale in F major* Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett, organ
Mvt. I, BWV 590
Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Marjorie

Life is a gift for which we are grateful.

We gather in community to

celebrate the glories and the

mysteries of this great gift.

We light this chalice as our commitment

to one another

-Marjorie Montgomery

HYMN #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning* Rev. Debra

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 To Light the Darkness and Begin Again Rev. Marjorie
D. Scott Cooper

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *The Peace of Wild Things* First Parish Choir
from "The Great Trees" by Gwyneth Walker

SERMON "Reframing 2020" Rev. Marjorie

SILENT MEDITATION

OFFERING

Sarabande
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

POSTLUDE

Fantasy - Pieces, Op. 73
Robert Schumann

Hunter Bennett, clarinet
Noriko Yasuda, piano

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!

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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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