

What's Love Got to Do With It



Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

February 14, 2020

GATHERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett, piano

Love Knocks and Waits For Us To Hear

Daniel Charles Damon, words & music

Love knocks and waits for use to hear, to open and invite;
 Love longs to quiet every fear, and seeks to set things right.
 Love offers life, in spite of foes who threaten and condemn;
 embracing enemies, Love goes the second mile with them.
 Love comes to heal the broken heart, to ease the troubled mind;
 without a word Love bids us start to ask and seek and find.
 Love knocks and enters at the sound of welcome from within;
 Love sings and dances all around, and feels new life begin.

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Marjorie

In the darkness of suspicion, we may never see the beauty within each heart
 In the darkness of fear, we may never perceive the unity that connects us all
 In the darkness of self-self doubt, we may never know that we too are worthy of love.
 May the light we now kindle dispel all shadow and illuminate what is elemental –
 That we are each beautiful
 That we are each sacred
 That we are all one
 And that we must understand this in order to attain wholeness

HYMN #402

*From You I Receive**(sing, hum, sing)*

From you I receive, to you I give,
 together we share, and from this we live.

READING

How Falling in Love is like Owning a Dog
 Taylor Mali

Rev. Marjorie

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Traditional Celtic

Áine Minogue, harp
 Tom Hill, clarinet

SERMON

Rev. Marjorie

SILENT MEDITATION

OFFERING

Make Channels for the Streams of Love

Rev. Debra, piano

American folk melody

Richard Chenevix Trench, words

Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run;
and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.

But if at any time we cease such channels to provide,
the very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried.

For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above;
we cease to give, cease to have – such is the law of love.

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

Break Not the Circle

Rev Debra, piano

Fred Kaan, words

Thomas Benjamin, music

Break not the circle of enabling love, where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;
break not that circle, make it wider still, till it includes, embraces all the living.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life, where words of freedom are with humor
spoken,

and people keep no score of wrong and guilt, but will that human bonds remain unbroken.

Join then the movement of the love that frees, till people of whatever race or nation
will truly be themselves, stand on their feet, see eye to eye with laughter and elation.

Today's coffee hour 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.

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

Because today's theme centers on love, I chose several of the hymns from our hymnal that I felt spoke to love from different perspectives and that honor the universal power of love.

- Rev. Debra

ONE LICENSE #A-736559

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.

Board of Trustees

Valerie Tratnyek, Chair

Dave Andrews, Deborah Kruskal, Steve Smith, Mark Trone

Officers

Co-Treasurers: Tom & Deborah Kruskal

Moderator: Sherri Cline

Clerk: Fran Sharp

Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Marjorie Matty (revmjmatty@gmail.com)

Minister of Music: Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett (musicdir@fpsudbury.org)

Parish Administrator: Thomas Stirlen (office@fpsudbury.org)

For up-to-date information, please refer to our website, fpsudbury.org, and our online calendar, available at fpsudbury.org/calendar.