



First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

THE COMPLEXITY OF FORGIVENESS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, 10 AM

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

GATHERING TONE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathleen

PRELUDE

Avinu Malkeinu

Rev. Debra

Trad. Melody for the Jewish High Holy Days
Arr. Clif Hardin

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #187

It Sounds Along the Ages

Words: William Channing Gannett,

Music: Melody of the Bohemian Brethren, 1892

It sounds along the ages, soul answering to soul;
it kindles on the pages of every Bible scroll;
the psalmist heard and sang it, from martyr lips it broke,
and prophet tongues out rang it till sleeping nations woke.

From Sinai's cliffs it echoed, it breathed from Buddha's tree,
it charmed in Athens' market, it hallowed Galilee;
the hammer stroke of Luther, the Pilgrims' seaside prayer,
the oracles of Concord one holy word declare.

It calls and lo, new justice! It speaks and lo, new truth!
In ever nobler stature and unexhausted youth.
Forever on resounding, and knowing nought of time,
our laws but catch the music of its eternal chime.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Michelle Cote

READING

MILESTONES

Mary Ellen French

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE

By Forgiving With Compassion

First Parish Choir

Words & Music: Loretta K. Notareschi

By forgiving with compassion, we open our hearts to the healing of love.

SERMON

OFFERING

Hashiveinu

Rev. Debra

Words & music: Trad. Hebrew

Trans. "Restore us to yourself, Adonai, that we
may be restored. Renew our days as of old."

HYMN #214

Shabbat Shalom
Traditional Hebrew

First Parish Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHALICE

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.

POSTLUDE

Hineh Mah Tov
Hebrew Folk Tune, arr. Clif Hardin

Rev. Debra

CLOSING WORDS

Thanks to today's Musicians and
Milestones: Mary Ellen French
Usher/Greeter: Ginny Doxsey
Social Hour Hosts: Carolyn Lee & Steve Gabeler
Flowers: Lois Schiappa
Tech Help: Dave Andrews, Terry Lockhart, Michael Tyo

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Lois's brother, Gary

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, bisexual, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual and others 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 exploration program, or would like to speak to our minister, please feel free to reach out to Office Administrator, Tanja Fischer for assistance.

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