



First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation



FORTUNE OR FORTITUDE?

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023, 10 AM

Rev. Patricia Hatch

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila Murphy

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Patricia Hatch

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #346

Come, Sing a Song With Me
Words & music: Carolyn McDade

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.
(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.
(Chorus)

TIME FOR ALL AGES *“Natural Treasure”* Rev. Patricia Hatch
by Robert van de Weyer

LANTERN MUSIC *Now we bless you on your way*
Words and music by Jen Rathbun

Now we bless you on your way
May you feel love every day.
May your light, shining bright,
Transform the world...(repeat)
...with love.

MILESTONES Mary Ellen French

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE

Who Would True Valor See

First Parish Choir

Words: John Bunyan

Music: English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Who would true valor see, let them come hither;
one here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement shall make me once relent
my first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset me 'round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound; my strength the more is.
No lion can me fright, I'll with a giant fight,
but I shall have a right to be a pilgrim.

No word of foe or friend can daunt my spirit;
I know I at the end will life inherit.
Then fancies fly away; I'll not fear what they say;
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

RESPONSIVE READING #515 *“We Lift Up Our Hearts”*
by Richard Fewkes

For the sun and the dawn
Which we did not create;

*For the moon and the evening
Which we did not make;*

For food which we plant
But cannot grow;

*For friends and loved ones
We have not earned and cannot
buy:*

For this gathered company
Which welcomes us as we are,
from wherever we have come;

*For all our free churches
That keep us human and
encourage us in our quest for
beauty, truth, and love;*

For all things which come to us
As gifts of being from sources
beyond ourselves:

*Gifts of life and love and
friendship
We lift up our hearts in thanks
this day.*

SERMON *Fortune or Fortitude?* Rev. Patricia Hatch

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

OFFERING *Celtic Hymn* Alex Andrews, flute
by Hans André Stamm Rev. Debra, piano

HYMN #128 *For All That Is Our Life*
Words: Bruce Findlow, Music: Patrick L. Rickey

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

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.

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Rev. Debra

Thanks to today's Musicians

Worship host: Sheila Murphy

Milestones: Mary Ellen French

Usher/Greeters: Mary Ellen French, Elaine Jones

Social hour Host: Philip Ralli, Amy Prince

RE/Nursery assistants: Tim Brainerd, Jenny Smith

Tech Help: Dave Andrews, Terry Lockhart, Michael Tyo

Flowers: Sheila Davison

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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