

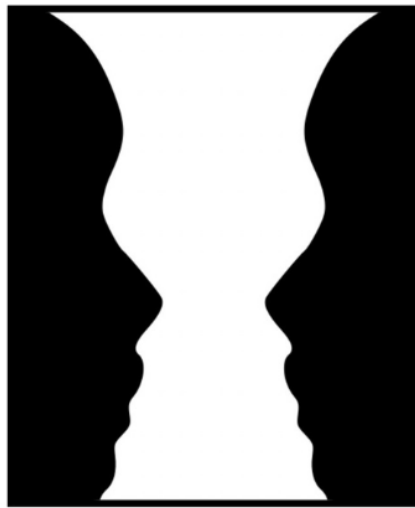


First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

BELIEFS, CERTAINTIES, & STORIES WITH GAIL HARDENBERGH



Join us in-person or online!
Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leslie Bryant

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gail Hardenbergh

CHALICE LIGHTING *by Audette Fulbright Fulson*

This light we kindle
is set in the lamp of our history.
We inherit this free faith
from the brave and gentle, fierce and outspoken
hearts and minds that have come before us.
Let us be worthy inheritors of this faith
and through our good works, pass it boldly to a new generation.

HYMN #16

Tis a Gift To Be Simple

Words: Joseph Bracket, Music: American Shaker tune

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Michelle Cote

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 Toni Trone

READING Dave Barry

INTERLUDE *We Are...* First Parish Choir
Words & music by Ysaye Barnwell

For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.

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a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.
We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.
For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
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who we are.

SERMON

Gail Hardenbergh

OFFERING

Rev. Debra

HYMN # 191

When I Recall My Childhood

Words: Rabindranath Tagore, recast, Music: Alfred Morton Smith

Now I recall my childhood when the sun
burst to my bedside with the day's surprise;
faith in the marvelous bloomed anew each dawn,
flowers bursting fresh within my heart each day.

Then looking on the world with simple joy,
on insects, birds, and beasts, and common weeds,
the grass and clouds had fullest wealth of awe;
my mother's voice gave meaning to the stars.

Now when I turn to think of coming death,
I find life's song in starsongs of the night,
in rise of curtains and new morning light,
in life reborn in fresh surprise of love.

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

Rev. Debra

CLOSING WORDS

Gail Hardenbergh

***Today's flowers are given in memory of Loren. V. Michales,
a dear friend of Emarie Pope***

Thanks to today's Musicians,
Milestones: Toni Trone
Usher/Greeters: Fran Sharp, Bettie Rose
Social hour Hosts: Ginny Doxsey, Leslie Lowe
Flowers: Emarie Pope

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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