



First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation



HISTORY, HOLIDAYS, & MEMORIALS

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023, 10 AM



Rev. Kathleen Hepler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathleen

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Carolyn Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #212

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Words: Carol A. Etzler, music: African American spiritual

We are dancing Sarah's circle,
we are dancing Sarah's circle
we are dancing Sarah's circle,
sisters, brothers, all.

Here we seek and find our history...

We will all do our own naming...

Every round a generation...

On and on the circle's moving...

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

Fred Pryor

MEDITATION/PRAYER

READING

INTERLUDE

Spirit of Life

Terry Lockhart

SERMON

OFFERING

HYMN #318

We Would Be One

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright, music: Jean Sibelius

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

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

Carolyn Lee

CLOSING WORDS

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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