



# First Parish of Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit  
Nurture your values  
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

# Joy

**Sunday, Sep 22, 2024  
10 am**



Rev. Kathleen Hepler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathleen

CENTERING

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #361

*Enter, Rejoice and Come In*

Words & music: Louise Ruspini, arr. Betty A. Wylder

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song...

Open your hearts ev'ryone...

Don't be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Michelle Cote, Director of  
Religious Exploration

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

Steve Smith

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE

*Voices of Peace*  
Words and music by Jim Scott

Soloist - Joy Aldrich

Voices of peace, sing and rejoice.  
I wanted to add my voice to the voices of peace.

Voices of love, determined and strong,  
Through our diversity, justice will prevail.  
Living the harmony, we cannot let it fail  
I want to join, join the song of the voices of peace.

Voices of Justice, grounded in reason  
Envision the world of love, closer than it seems.  
Our children's inheritance, the freedom to follow their dreams, Oh yes!  
I will stand with the voices for peace.

Voices of peace, sing and rejoice  
I want to add my voice to the voices of peace.

SERMON

OFFERING

*Go Your Way In Peace*

Jim Scott, words and music

Duet: Joy Aldrich & Deborah Kruskal

Go your way in peace  
Wander as you may.  
Blessed is the path you take,  
May love guide you on your way.

Comfort find in truth,  
May your struggles cease  
May the fire within your heart  
Light the way of peace.

Bright and brave the dreams  
Born in darkest night.  
Mindful make our every step.  
Honor all within our sight.

Minds and hearts now one,  
'Til we meet again  
Hold the vision of our peace  
Sacred until then.

HYMN #345

*With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

With joy we claim the growing light,  
advancing thought, and widening view,  
the larger freedom, clearer sight,  
which from the old unfold the new.

With wider view, come loftier goal;  
with fuller light, more good to see;  
with freedom, truer self-control;  
with knowledge, deeper reverence be.

### EXTINGUISHING 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

### MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

Please join us for coffee and conversation down the stairs in the Parish Hall!

**Thanks to today's:** Musicians

Milestones: Steve Smith

Usher/Greeters: Leslie Lowe, Jan Hardenbergh

Social hours: Cindy Moore, Tom Davies

RE/Nursery assistants: Tia Herrman, Jenny Smith

Tech Help: Dave Andrews, Terry Lockhart, Michael Tyo

Flowers: Flower Fund

## **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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