

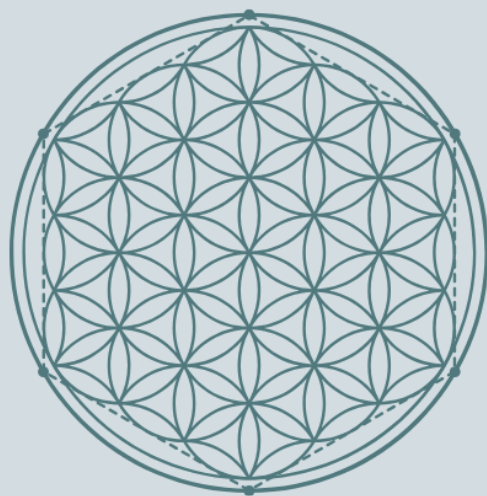


First Parish of  
Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit  
Nurture your values  
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

# The Patterns of a Life



Sunday, January 5, 2025  
10 am

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

Many Different Beliefs.  
One Welcoming Community

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathleen

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

We set our intention toward love as this new year begins.

Let the flame bring us to this moment of our gathering  
in gratitude, in openness, and in peace.

Together we resolve to abide in the call of our faith to welcome  
the stranger, knowing all beings as one.

HYMN # 368

*Now Let Us Sing*

Words & music: Anonymous

Now let us sing, sing, sing	Sing to the power of the faith within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing	Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;	Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.	sing to the power of the faith within.

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Michelle Cote, Director of  
Religious Exploration

MILESTONES

Fred Pryor

TOLLING THE BELL....for those we have lost.

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE

*Love Call Me Home*

First Parish Choir

Words & music: Peggy Seeger, arr. Peter Amidon

When the waters are deep,  
Friends carry me over,  
When I cry in my sleep,  
Love call me home.

Chorus:

Time ferry me down the river,  
Friends carry me safely over,  
Life, tend me on my journey,  
Love call me home.

When the waters are cold  
Friends carry me over,  
When I'm losing my hold  
Love call me home.

When I'm weary and cannot swim,  
Friends carry me over,  
Open your arms and take me in,  
Love call me home.

Take the gift I bring,

Friends carry me over,  
Deep within me life is singing,  
Love call me home.

Life offers a chance,  
For friends to carry us over,  
Time can stop or dance forever  
Love call me home.

PEALING THE BELL... for children born or adopted in 2024.

SERMON

OFFERING

Rev. Debera

HYMN #57

*All Beautiful the March of Days*

Words: Frances Whitmarsh Wile, Music: English melody  
arr, R. Vaughn Williams

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;  
the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;  
hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,  
and laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling clear the radiant morns unfold;  
the solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold;  
life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,  
and clearer sounds the angel-hymn, "Good will to all on earth."

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,  
thy self the vision passing by in crystal and in rose.  
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,  
in ever changing words of light, the wonder of thy name.

## 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

Today's flowers have been donated  
by Allison Goldfarb

## **Welcome**

We are a welcoming congregation and have committed to welcoming the presence and participation of all persons who share our values, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, skin color, immigration status, economic situation, education, political or religious ideology.

We hope you'll join our non-creedal beloved community!

If you are new to the area or to First Parish, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card to get our newsletter. 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 our Office Administrator, Tanja Fischer ([office@fpsudbury.org](mailto:office@fpsudbury.org)) for assistance.

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