



First Parish of
Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Fifth Great Awakening

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 10 am

With Guest Preacher
Rev. Ethan Loewi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ethan Loewi

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #1000

Morning Has Come

Words & music by Jason Shelton

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

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

Fred Pryor

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE *Welcome, Welcome* First Parish Choir
Words & music by Clif Hardin

Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!
Gaudeamus hodie.
Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!
Let us all rejoice today.

Bring your sorrows, and tomorrows.
Let all hearts now gather near.
Laughter, grieving, all receiving;
ev'ry one has honor here.

Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!
Gaudeamus hodie.
Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!

Love in all you do, we pray.

Star and moon may show your way,
or a sun known as Christe.
Mind and soul must one obey.
May your light guide you always.

Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!
Gaudeamus hodie.
Welcome, welcome! Welcome, welcome!
Let us all rejoice today.

SERMON

The Fifth Great Awakening

Rev. Ethan

OFFERING

Rev. Debra

Today we will Share the Plate with **UUMass Action**
Our mission is to organize and mobilize UUS
in Massachusetts to confront oppression

HYMN # 298

Wake, Now, My Senses

Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson,

Music: Trad. Irish melody, arr. by Carlton R. Young

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;

join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

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 are from Martha Goodsill,
in memory of my mother, Kay Bixler,
who would have turned 100 tomorrow, March 17.

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) for assistance.

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