



First Parish of
Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit
Nurture your values
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Other Side of Hope

With Sam Williams

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10 am

Mr. Sam Williams

Executive Director, Concord Prison Outreach

Many Different Beliefs.

One Welcoming Community

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Rust

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Rev. Debra Morris-Bennett

CALL TO WORSHIP, # 429

Sam Williams

CHALICE LIGHTING

Liz Rust

We light this chalice with an open heart;
We light this chalice with resolve.
We light this chalice with tears still fresh on our cheeks.
We light this chalice in hope, a tiny flame we nurture.
We light this chalice with reverence, for this place, for these people, for this time.
We light this chalice with all our soul's longing, to be who we are,
to be who will we will become, to be ourselves.
We light this chalice in self-love, in giving love, in holy love.
by SarahRuth Wekoye Davis

HYMN #128

For all that is our life

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

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

Sam Williams

READING

The Love We Pray
by Andrew Weber

Liz Rust

INTERLUDE

First Parish Choir

SERMON

Other Side of Hope

Sam Williams

OFFERING

Rev. Debra

**We are sharing the offering this morning with
Concord Prison Outreach**

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Sam Williams

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

Sam Williams

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

Today's flowers are donated by Leslie Lowe, in memory of our parents, Hal and Eleanor Yelton, and Maynard and Marion Lowe

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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