



First Parish of  
Sudbury

*Ignite your spirit  
Nurture your values  
Join our community*

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**HERE A TRUTH,  
THERE A TRUTH,  
EVERYWHERE A TRUTH, TRUTH**



**TRUTH**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10 am**

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

*Many Different Beliefs.  
One Welcoming Community.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Sarah Collmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #345                    *With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*

words: Samuel Longfellow, music: *Musicalisches Handbuch*, 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.

MILESTONES

Fred Prior

MEDITATION/PRAYER

INTERLUDE

Sarah Collmer

RESPONSIVE READING #650    *Cherish Your Doubts*                    by Robert T. Weston

Cherish your doubts, for doubt is the attendant of truth.

*Doubt is the key to the door of knowledge; it is the servant of discovery.*

A belief which may not be questioned binds us to error, for there is incompleteness and imperfection in every belief.

*Doubt is the touchstone of truth; it is an acid which eats away the false.*

Let no one fear for the truth, that doubt may consume it; for doubt is a testing of belief.

*The truth stands boldly and un-afraid; it is not shaken by the testing:*

For truth, if it be truth, arises from each testing stronger, more secure.

*Those that would silence doubt are filled with fear; their houses are built on shifting sands.*

But those who fear not doubt, and know its use, are founded on rock.

*They shall walk in the light of growing knowledge; the work of their hands shall endure.*

Therefore let us not fear doubt, but let us rejoice in its help:

*It is to the wise as a staff to the blind; doubt is the attendant of truth.*

SERMON *Here a Truth, There a Truth, Everywhere a Truth, Truth* Rev. Kathleen

HYMN #293 *O Star of Truth* Sanctuary Boston

words: Minot Judson Savage, music: Finnish melody, adapt. by David Evans

O star of truth, downshining through clouds of doubt and fear,  
I ask beneath thy guidance my pathway may appear:  
however long the journey, however hard it be,  
though I be lone and weary, lead on, I follow thee.

I know thy blessed radiance can never lead astray,  
though ancient creed and custom may point another way;  
or through the untrod desert, or over trackless sea,  
though I be lone and weary, lead on, I follow thee.

OFFERTORY Sarah Collmer

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 Sarah Collmer

CLOSING WORDS

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

Today's flowers are given by Colin Warwick:

*"In memory of my father, Dr. Alan John Warwick (1929-2021)."*

## **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, want 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 for assistance.

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