



Sunday Worship

First Parish

A liberal religious community, welcoming to all

First gathered 1739

March 2, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 6:19am and will set at 5:35pm *in sh'allah*
bringing us 11 hours, 16 minutes of sunlight,
20 minutes more than last Sunday.

The moon is waning toward the last quarter on Thursday

Sounding of the Chime

*In the sanctuary silence during the prelude is appreciated.
Please also silence your cell phones and electronic devices.*

Prelude

Contemporary Celtic medley

Various composers

Caroline Dressler, fiddle

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, Lead Minister

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

Congregational Affirmation

We choose to be
a liberal religious community, welcoming to all.
We encourage each other on our spiritual journeys,
support one another through the changes in our lives,
and challenge the excesses and injustices of our time.
Called to love and upheld by joy, we live our faith.

Adopted by the members of First Parish Arlington MA
March 28, 2010

Hymn #347

Gather the Spirit

Time for All Ages

Rev. Stevie Carmody
Minister of Religious Education

As children leave for religious education we sing:

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Vayan en paz, vayan en paz
Pueda el amor rodear los siempre
por doquier, por doquier que vayan.

Go Now in Peace -- Vayan en paz

Trans. Rev. Lilia Cuervo

Natalie Sleeth



Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the spi - rit of
Va - yan en paz, va-yan en paz, Pue - da el a - mor ro-de -



love sur - round you ev-'ry where, ev-'ry-where, you may go.
ar - los si - em - pre por do-quier, por do-quier, que va - yan.

Spoken Memorials

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

On the first Sunday of the month the names of those in the community who died this year are read aloud. Those who died this month in the past are printed in the order of service.

Celebrations and Concerns

Christa Kelleher
Lay Minister

If moved to do so, you may place a stone
for a joy or sorrow you are holding in your heart.
If you write a joy or sorrow on the card available
at the back of the sanctuary,
the ordained and lay ministers will hold it
in their thoughts and prayers.

Interlude for the Placing of Stones

I Choose Love
Jacob Narverud
First Parish Choir

Prayer and Silent Meditation

David Whitford
Worship Associate

Musical Response

Amen, Blessed Be
Kenneth Seitz, piano

Words: *Amen, Blessed Be. Shalom, Salaam.*

Sung twice by the congregation

Amen, Blessed Be, Shalom, Salaam

Kenneth H. Seitz



Stewardship Testimonial

Stephen Pillemer

Offering

Selection of original compositions

Caroline Dressler

Caroline Dressler, fiddle

This Sunday half of the offering supports

Resilient Sisterhood Project.

The Cambridge-based RSP educates and empowers women of African descent regarding common, yet rarely discussed, diseases of the reproductive system that disproportionately affect them.

RSP's understanding of the word "women" includes transgender women, cisgender women, gender queer, and gender non-conforming people who have a female reproductive system.

The remaining half of your offering supports the life and work of this Parish.

To donate using your smartphone, you may text "fpuu offering" to 73256. Then follow the directions in the texts you receive. If you would like your entire offering to support your pledge, indicate "pledge" on your check or envelope.

Hymn #17

Every Night and Every Morn

Sermon

Rev. Tricia Brennan, Adjunct Minister

Hymn

This Joy
Resistance Revival Choir

This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
The world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

This strength.....

This love....

This pride....

This peace....

This joy.....

Benediction

***May faith in the Spirit of Life,
Hope for the community of Earth,
and Love of the sacred in one another
Be ours now and in all the days to come.***

Postlude

Traditional Celtic melody
Caroline Dressler, fiddle

*Our postlude is the concluding passage of our
common worship.
All are asked to remain seated during the postlude.*

*If it is 11:30 parents are asked to quietly leave to pick up
their children from the religious education program.*

Honor Roll of those Supporting First Parish

First Parish is in the midst of our annual pledge drive. A pledge is an amount each household commits to contribute to First Parish over the coming fiscal year. We express gratitude and appreciation to those who have pledged their financial support to First Parish as of Friday morning.

John & Amy Anderson

Pamela Baldwin

Emily & Matt Balkam

Steve & Melissa Berczuk

Liz Bradley

Carolyn Carlson

Joel & Betsy

Carlton-Gysan

Stevie Carmody

John & Carol Chamberlain

Josh & Lisa Davis

Marilyn Downs

Charlie Duffy

Lou Eckart & Ken Spargo

Anne Ehlert

Tom Estabrook

& Sibylle Bosslet

Jessica Farman

& Brian Dooley

Lois Fine

Marta Flanagan

Lyn Fulton-John

Sara & John Galantowicz

Kiki Giatis

Loren Gomez

Marlene & India Hobel

John & Carolyn Hodges

Andrea & Bruce Jeffrey

Sue Costello & Jeff Keffer

Randy Smith

& Lori Kenschaft

Joanne Klys

Anne Goodwin

& David Langford

James Leslie & Bodi Luse

Scott Lever & Jill Fekete

Lynne Levine

Alan & Pam Linov

Tish Miller

& Jack Matson

Lissa & Mac McBurney

Bob McKersie

Marie Meteer

& David McDonald

Sanjay & Lauren Newton

Gail Page & Bob Rowlands
Stephen Pillemer
& Helen Rasmussen
Mara Prentiss
Joanna Pushee
& Leon Dixon

Barbara & Al Tosti
Kate Tranquada
Sarah Trilling
& Lou Fiscarelli

Maryglenn Vincens

Emily Randall
Erica Richmond
Michael Rie
Megan Rising &
Erica LeBow
Jeffrey Roberts

Celia Wcislo
Carolyn White
Andrea & Richard
Winslow
Carol Wintle

Annette Sawyer
Robin Schoenthaler
Kenneth & Carol Seitz
Sue Sheffler
Tina & Jerry Silberman
Jitendra Singh
Sidney Slobodkin
Russell Smith
& Val DePalma
Tom & Rosemarie
Smurzynski
Amy & Phil Speare
John Stutz & Zoe Stewart

*Nearly two-thirds of our annual budget
comes from pledges.
To make your pledge for next year
(July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026),
go to www.firstparish.info/give by March 31.*

Memorials and Remembrances

March 2025

*During worship on the first Sunday of each month
we remember loved ones who died that month in years past.*

Constance Lee Garvey Duncan,
mother of Nina L. Duncan, was born March 22, 1928

Anna Krider,
grandmother of Kay Snowden, died March 20, 1981

Bertha Clark,
grandmother of Lori Kenschaft, died March 4, 1985

Jon Kropper,
father of Steve Kropper, died March 9, 1992

Louis Kulin,
father of Arleen Kulin, died March 17, 1998

Miriam Wise Saunders,
mother-in-law of Marta Flanagan, died March 22, 2003

Libby Snowden,
mother of Kay Snowden, died March 5, 2010

Anna 'Honey' Zimmer,
mother of Bonnie Zimmer, died March 6, 2011

Vincent Modica,
father of Cathy Modica, died March 25, 2011

Rose Lenox,
mother of Kate Lenox, died March 23, 2012

Cara Lee Brickell,
mother of Donald Brickell, died March 14, 2013

Raymond Jablonski,
father of Carolyn Hodges, died March 18, 2013

Jim McCollum,
father of Laura McCollum, died March 31, 2013

Jim Lenox,
father of Kate Lenox, died March 25, 2017

Nan Shelby Wells,
aunt of Shelby Meyerhoff, died March 23, 2018

John Frank Longo,
father of Leslie Lewis, died March 24, 2020

Gayle Farman
sister-in-law of Jessica Farman, died March 25, 2020

Frances Ann Longo,
mother of Leslie Lewis, died March 29, 2020

Frances Sternberg,
aunt of Helene Newberg, died March 31, 2020

Bill Tobey,
father to Andrea Jeffrey, died March 1, 2021

Erwin Klingsberg,
father of David Klingsberg, died March 9, 2021

Beverly Lyon Clark,
aunt of Lori Kenschaft, died March 18, 2021

Pat Hadley,
mother of Amy Hadley, died March 26, 2022

David Palmer,
Grandnephew of Mary Fusoni, died March 8, 2022

Peggy Flanagan Cinberg
sister of Marta Flanagan, died March 9, 2022

Michael Harvey,
father of Lauren Newton, died March 11, 2022

Nance Liebgott
sister of Arlene Kulin, died March 3, 20023

Audrey Russell Reith
mother of Eric Hustvedt, mother-in-law of Kristen McNeely-
Shaw, grandmother of Ada Bennett, died March 3, 2024

Joseph L. Baldwin
father of Pamela Baldwin, grandfather of
Genieve and Louisa Baldwin, died March 26, 2024

Ann Mathes
mother of Hannah Mathes, member of First Parish,
died March 27, 2024

*If you would like a loved one remembered in future months,
contact spokenmemorials@firstparish.info*

You Sing My Hymn, I Sing Yours

Welcome to worship at First Parish- whatever your story, wherever you are on your journey.

In worship we seek both affirmation and challenge, for these are necessary ingredients for spiritual growth and deepening.

We come with different theological and religious orientations, but we do not seek sameness or some common denominator. We engage in worship with open hearts and minds. Our sung and spoken words reflect a range of religious perspectives.

In worship, some elements will touch us deeply, and some will not. Whatever our personal preferences about the elements in any worship service, we say, *You sing my hymn, I sing yours*. In worship we give and receive.

The First Parish Worship Associates
November 2015

First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington

www.firstparish.info

First Parish is a liberal religious community working toward another way to be and act in our time. As a Unitarian Universalist congregation (www.uua.org), we are not bound to any statement of belief or creed but to an aspiration to act in love. We believe personal experience, conscience and reason are final authorities in religion.

A religious education program for children meets during Sunday worship. Children are given the tools with which to answer their religious questions of the world.

To learn more, visit the information table after worship. You can sign up for the weekly E-Bulletin there or by emailing churchoffice@firstparish.info

First Parish is self governing and supported by members and friends who contribute their time, talent and treasure. The elected Parish Committee (“ParCom”) is the governing board. ParCom can be reached at Parishexec@firstparish.info.

Anne Quaadgras, Chair	John Anderson, Vice-Chair
Joanna Pushee, Clerk	Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer
Jeff Keffer	Steve McMullin
Allan Tosti	Kate Tranquada
Susan Moore	

Staff serve the members, leaders and mission of First Parish.

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, *Lead Minister*

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond, *Parish Minister (on leave)*

Rev. Tricia Brennan, *Adjunct Minister*

Rev. Stevie Carmody, *Minister of Religious Education*

Daniel Parsley, *Music Director*

Kenneth Seitz, *Director of Music, Emeritus*

Rose Sawyer Marsh, *Youth Program Coordinator*

Bella Jaffe, *Religious Education Assistant*

Ebiere Omoregie, *Office Manager*

Allison Sillers, *Office & Communications Associate*

Jaqueline De Jesus, *Sexton*

Rev. Wendy Page, *Affiliate Minister*

A Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation, First Parish warmly and intentionally welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender people.