

Sunday Worship
First Parish
A liberal religious community,
welcoming to all
First gathered 1739



April 6, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

Youth Sunday: “Balance”

***Once a year Sunday worship is crafted and led by
members of the First Parish Senior Youth Group***

The sun rose at 6:19am and will set at 7:15pm *in sh'allah*
bringing us 12 hours, 57 minutes of sunlight,
20 minutes more than last Sunday.
The moon is waxing to its fullness on Saturday.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Hot N Cold
Katy Perry
The Youth Group Band

Welcome and Announcements

Alice Hunter & Samantha Rauh, Co-Leaders

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Conard Anderson, Youth Worship Coordinator

Time for All Ages

Onyx Hopwood, Sean Maher,
Lauren McNeill, & Samantha Rauh

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, Gonow 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. Stevie Carmody
Minister of Religious Education

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

Anton Rie
Youth Group Chaplain

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

Landslide
Fleetwood Mac
The Youth Group Band

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Conard Anderson

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



Offering

Canon zu vier Stimmen
J.S. Bach
The Youth Group Band

*This Sunday half of the offering supports
Community InRoads.*

*Community InRoads consults with and trains
nonprofit leaders and boards of directors at no cost
in the Haverhill and Lawrence area,
so that they in turn can better serve those in need.*

*Their goal is to empower and contribute to the
capacity and gifts of the women, men, and youth
living, working, and studying in those communities
by fostering a sustainable network of effective
non-profits dedicated to social justice and
economic equality.*

*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.*

Second Collection to Support 2025 Youth Service Trip

Today, after our first offering to support First Parish and Community InRoads, we will have a second collection to help fund our youth service trip this spring.

The youth will travel to West Virginia to work with Big Creek People in Action, a non-profit organization founded in 1990 by citizens of McDowell County, WV.

BCPIA's vision is one of empowered and self-sufficient people living in communities that are economically vibrant, democratic, and socially just.

*To donate using your smartphone, you may text "**fpuu youth**" to 73256, then follow the directions in the texts you receive.*

Senior Reflections

Alice Hunter & Anton Rie

Song

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Simon and Garfunkel
The Youth Group Band

Litany

Conard Anderson, Lettie Carswell,
Onyx Hopwood, Alice Hunter, & Sean Maher

Senior Reflections

Lucas Fernandez & Samantha Rauh

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.***

*Saying these words responsively is a custom at
First Parish. You are invited to take the hand of
one beside you or place your hand on their shoulder.*

Postlude

Eclipse
Pink Floyd

*Our postlude is the concluding passage of our
common worship.*

All are asked to remain seated during the postlude.

*After worship those in the sanctuary are invited to move
into the vestry for light refreshments and conversation.*

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

**Thank you to our Youth Group Band
and our Music Coordinators,
Conard Anderson and Anton Rie.**

The Youth Group Band is composed of: Conard Anderson,
Daniel Berczuk, Stevie Carmody, Lucas Fernandez,
Paul Franzosa, Alice Hunter, Andy Kobayashi,
Bill Licea-Kane, Lauren McNeill, Calvin Qazilbash, and
Anton Rie.

Thank you to our Youth Group Advisors:
Paul Franzosa, Andy Kobayashi, Bill Licea-Kane,
Emily Randall, and Cathy Slesnick.
You are all an integral part of the space.

Ushers:

Onyx Hopwood, Walter Hopwood, and Brendan Maher

Memorials and Remembrances

April 2025

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

Ray Schweitzer,
father of Alan Schweitzer, died April 8, 1963

Joseph Ptacek,
father of Jim Ptacek, died April 1, 1988

Page Walton,
father of Tracy Walton, died April 1, 1998

Anne Lynch,
mother of Margaret Lynch, died April 16, 2007

Ann Fusoni Palmer
sister of Mary Fusoni, died April 16, 2007

Walter A. Strauss,
uncle of David Klingsberg, died April 19, 2008

Doris Deakin,
mother of Dave Deakin, died April 21, 2010

Martha Tocce,
mother of Helene Martel, died April 22, 2013

Rigoberto Rodriguez Ortiz,
uncle of Clarissa Rodriguez, died April 6, 2014

Alice Jablonski Ptacek,
mother of Jim Ptacek, died April 15, 2014

Edgar Shriver,
father of John Shriver, died April 28, 2017

Rhoda Sandrew,
mother of Caryn Sandrew, died April 14, 2018

Liboria Gambino,
mother of Rosemarie Smurzynski, died April 1, 2020

Janelle Kennedy Slobodkin,
wife of Sid Slobodkin, died April 14, 2020

Marie Watson,
mother of John Chamberlain, died April 16, 2020

Joan Meyer Williams,
mother of Paul Williams, mother-in-law of Meera Dash,
grandmother of Shabin and Darya Williams,
died April 15, 2021

Xavier Hernandez Cuervo,
son of Lilia Cuervo, died April 18, 2021

Lorna Carlin Chadwick,
aunt of Liz Bradley, died April 5, 2022

Carol Zendman Howell,
mother of Peter Howell, died April 5, 2022

Cathy Camargo Harrison,
mother of Tia Harrison, died April 13th, 2022

Bruce Folsom,
son of Inez Folsom, died April 19, 2022

Harold Fulton,
father of Lyn Fulton-John, died April 23, 2022

Lynn Simon,
mother of Melissa Berczuk, died Aril 26, 2022

Marjorie Marie Jackson Butler,
mother-in-love of Clarissa Rodriguez, died April 1, 2023

Yolanda Jolley,
mother of Jim Jolley, died April 5, 2023

Eleanor Fusoni,
sister of Mary Fusoni, died April 11, 2023

Joan DePalma,
mother of Val DePalma, died April 13, 2023

David Policar,
dear friend of Alex Aminoff, Jo Guthrie
and Elizabeth Hunter, died April 28, 2023

Rosalind Shaw,
member of First Parish, died April 1, 2024

Anthony George Walter Palmer,
brother-in-law of Jo Guthrie, died April 29, 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's Mission

First Parish is committed to inward spiritual growth, side by side companionship of one another, and turning outward in our work in the world.

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

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	Susan Moore
Allan Tosti	Kate Tranquada	

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.