



Sunday Worship

First Parish

A liberal religious community, welcoming to all

First gathered 1739

April 13, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 6:07am and will set at 7:23pm *in sh'allah*
bringing us 13 hours, 16 minutes of sunlight,
19 minutes more than last Sunday.

The moon is waning toward the last quarter next Sunday.

For Christians of the West today is Palm Sunday.
For Jewish people last night began the first day of Passover.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Come away, come away, death

Gerald Finzi

Lucas Fernandez, baritone

Welcome and Announcements

Lillian Povey, Worship Associate

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting Lillian Povey
Amy Anderson, Membership Committee Chair

Hymn 360

Here We Have Gathered

Time for All Ages

Rev. Stevie Carmody
Minister of Religious Education

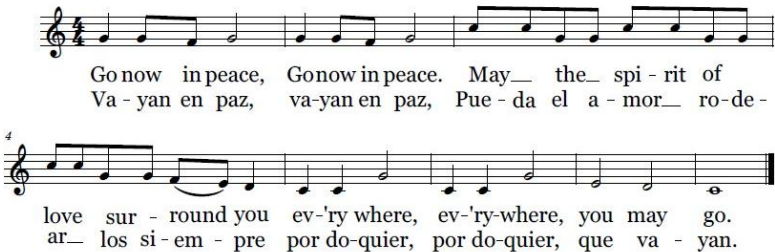
As children leave for religious education we sing:

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.

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.

New Member Ceremony Joanna Pushee, Parish Clerk
Amy Anderson, Chair of the Membership Committee
Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, Lead Minister
Rev. Stevie Carmody, Minister of Religious Education

Welcome from the Congregation, spoken in unison

**We welcome you with joy into the life of First Parish.
We promise you our support
as we share in the hopes and labors
of this liberal religious community.**

**May we continue to grow together
in wisdom and love.**

**May we together work for justice
and be witnesses to what is good in the world.**

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.

If you wish to speak of your joy or sorrow,
please line up after placing your stone.
When you are motioned forward,
speak into the microphone and tell us your name.
Speak briefly and from your own experience.

Interlude for the Placing of Stones

I Choose Love
Mark Miller
The First Parish Choir

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor (three flats) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'A-men, Bles-sed Be, Sha-lom, Sa-laam...' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Postlude

Faith
Felix Mendelssohn
Kenneth Seitz, piano

*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.*

**Easter Sunday at First Parish
April 20, 2025**



Worship at 10:00am
in the Meetinghouse and on Zoom



Rev. Marta Morris Flanagan, preaching

Note on parking:

The Town of Arlington has scheduled a
Revolutionary War reenactment for Easter Sunday.

Starting at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 20,
Massachusetts Avenue and surrounding streets
will be closed to all traffic.

Partial road closures could impact your ability
to leave First Parish starting at 12:00pm -
please plan accordingly.

**On This New Member Sunday We Acknowledge
Some Anniversaries of Membership at First Parish**

Five Years

Annie Hewitt
Steph Miserlis
Ellen Robertson
Ellen Robie
Bill Sibley
Pennie Sibley
Zoe Stewart
John Stutz

Ten Years

Aisha Ansano
Robin Baker
Heather Caldwell
Shaileen (Shay) Crawford
Brian Dooley
David Dreyfus
Barbara Dumery
Nina Duncan
Jessica Farman
Samantha Fleishman
Chris Floyd
Norma Floyd
Inez Folsom
Barbara Grim
Shelly McPhail
Sanjay Newton
Lynn Rosenbaum
Greg Ruccio
Kate Tranquada
Kurt Vanderpile
Melina Vanderpile

Twenty Years

Jennifer Davis-Kay
Cheryl Dressler
Rainer Dressler
Peggy Gardiner
Bill Gardiner
Mary Stuart
Tim Wright

Twenty-Five Years

Sibylle Bosslet
Tom Estabrook
Paula Gardiner
P.J. Gardner
Anne Goodwin
Catherine Jaffe
Emily Randall
Bob Voges
John Wheeler
Paul Williams

Thirty Years

Andrew Leonard
Pat Magee
Cathy Modica
Tina Schultz
Rachael Stark
Celia Wcislo

Fifty Years

Sid Slobodkin

Jean Nagle is our longest
serving member (71 years
on Tuesday!).

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.