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



# October 26, 2025

# Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

The sun rose at 7:11am and will set at 5:45pm *in sh'allah* bringing us 10 hours, 34 minutes of sunlight, 19 minutes less than last Sunday.

The moon is waxing to the first quarter on Wednesday.

### **Sounding of the Chime**

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

**Prelude** 

Song of the Pilgrim Felix Mendelssohn Kenneth Seitz, piano

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond Parish Minister

# **Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting**

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond

**Hymn 358** 

Rank By Rank Again We Stand

Time for All Ages

Rev. Stevie Carmody Minister of Religious Education

As children leave for religious education we sing "Go Now In Peace" (words on the blue cards with the hymnals).

#### **Celebrations and Concerns**

Dawn Terkla 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**

Improvised Variations on Music for Airports 1: 1/1 - Brian Eno Paul Franzosa, guitar

**Prayer and Silent Meditation** 

David Whitford Worship Associate

**Musical Response** 

Amen, Blessed Be, Shalom, Salaam Kenneth Seitz, piano

Sung twice by the congregation

Offering

Ad Astra Jacob Narverud First Parish Choir

This Sunday half of the offering supports The Record Co.

The Record Co is Boston's largest provider of
affordable creative space, operating both
their original Massachusetts Avenue facility and
their 90-room Morrissey Boulevard location.

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

To donate using your smartphone, text "fpuu offering" to 73256.

If you would like your entire offering to support your pledge, indicate "pledge" on your check or envelope.

### **Living Our Faith**

Once a year we honor three members of First Parish who have been exemplars of living the values of the liberal religious tradition. The Social Justice Committee selects the individuals and invites them to offer statements about living their faith.

This year we celebrate the work of Betsy Carlton-Gyson, Peter Heller, and Betsy Leondar-Wright.

From the Social Justice Committee

Anne Ehlert

**First Testimonial** 

Betsy Carlton-Gysan

**Hymn 123** 

Spirit of Life

**Second Testimonial** 

Peter Heller

**Third Testimonial** 

Betsy Leondar-Wright

**Song 35** 

Answering the Call of Love

**Benediction** Rev. Dr. Barbara Whittaker-Johns adapted from the words of Rev. Arnold Westwood

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. The words can be found on the blue cards with your hymnal.

**Postlude** 

Working On It! Kenneth Seitz Kenneth Seitz, piano

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

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.

### 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*.

Marie Meteer, Chair
Joanna Pushee, Clerk
John Anderson
Amy Speare

Kate Tranquada, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer
Susan Moore
Allan Tosti

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

Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong, Interim Lead Minister
Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond, Parish Minister
Rev. Stevie Carmody, Minister of Religious Education
Daniel Parsley, Music Director
Kenneth Seitz, Director of Music, Emeritus
Kay Milano, Youth Program Coordinator
Bella Jaffe, Religious Education Assistant
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A Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation, First Parish warmly and intentionally welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender people.