

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



November 9, 2025

Worship in the Meetinghouse Sanctuary and Online

This Tuesday is the federal holiday Veterans Day, which began as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I, and evolved into a day to recognize veterans of all U.S. wars.

Sounding of the Chime

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

Prelude

Valse Miniature
Vladimir Rebikov
Kenneth Seitz, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond
Parish Minister

Greeting Your Neighbor

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Mary Breen
Worship Associate

Hymn 159

This Is My Song

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

Greg Ruccio
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

Stones Music
Kenneth Seitz, piano

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong
Interim Lead Minister

Musical Response

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

*Sung twice by the congregation
Music can be found on the blue cards in the hymnals.*

Offering

There is No Rose
Benjamin Britten
First Parish Choir

*This Sunday half of the offering supports
Chaplains On The Way. Founded in 2010, they offer
spiritual support to people experiencing homelessness
in Waltham, MA. They offer compassion and
companionship through life's struggles and triumphs,
welcoming all into relationship and loving community.*

*The remaining half of your offering
supports the life and work of this Parish.
Text "fpuu offering" to 73256 to donate with your smartphone.
If you would like your entire offering to support your pledge,
indicate "pledge" on your check or envelope.*

Hymn 163

For the Earth Forever Turning

Sermon

Rev. Erica Federspiel Richmond

Song 29

Hymn to Freedom

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

Autumn Song
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 Meter, Chair	Kate Tranquada, Vice-Chair
Joanna Pushee, Clerk	Carolyn Hodges, Treasurer
John Anderson	Susan Moore
Amy Speare	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*

Dr. Daniel Parsley, *Music Director*

Kenneth Seitz, *Director of Music, Emeritus*

K Milano, *Youth Program Coordinator*

Bella Jaffe, *Religious Education Assistant*

Ebiere Omoregie, *Office Manager*

Allison Sillers, *Office & Communications Associate*

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