Gathering Music  Meditation on Breathing  Keith Kirchoff

_Breathe in, breathe out_
_Breathe in, breathe out…_

_When I breathe in, I breathe in peace_
_When I breathe out, I breathe out love…_

Words of Welcome  Martha Leader

Meditation  On Finding our Vision and Rhythm  Laci Lee Adams

Hymn  Meditation on Breathing  Keith Kirchoff

Unison Chalice Lighting and Candles of Peace  Martha Leader

_We give ourselves one unto another, covenancing to walk together_
_as a congregation, promising faithfully to watch over one another,_
_and to delight for love to abide in our midst._  1717 Covenant (adapted)

_Nos entregamos y nos comprometemos a caminar juntos como_
_congregación, prometiendo con mucha fe cuidarnos mutuamente_
_y deleitarnos en el amor que permanecerá entre nosotros._

Meditation  On Putting the Pieces Together  Laci Lee Adams

Hymn  Meditation on Breathing  Keith Kirchoff

Offering  Alisa Halliday

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Offertory  Beauty Within  Keith Kirchoff

_Beauty within me, beauty beside me, beauty above me, beauty below me;_
_Beauty before me, beauty behind me, beauty around me, beauty within._

_Spirit within me, spirit beside me, spirit above me, spirit below me;_
_Spirit before me, spirit behind me, spirit around me, spirit within._

_Love is within me, love is beside me, love is above me, love is below me;_
_Love is before me, love is behind me, love is around me, love is within._

_Hope is within me, hope is beside me, hope is above me, hope is below me;_
_Hope is before me, hope is behind me, hope is around me, hope is within._
Blessing of the Gifts

Meditation  
On Seeing the Big Picture

Hymn  
Meditation on Breathing

Extinguishing the Chalice

Unison Affirmation

We extinguish this flame and not the light of truth,
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry with us and offer as gifts onto the world.

Benediction

Today at First Parish

Please join us for Virtual Coffee Hour immediately following the service at https://zoom.us/j/524871087. We will share our Candles of Joys and Concerns during Coffee Hour. You can also access this at our website www.firstparishinbrookline.org if you have any challenges.

Following up on our Candle of Peace for the Chelsea Collaborative, here are 3 specific areas they shared for ways you can support and participate in their efforts:

1. Spanish-speakers are needed to support families in completing their Metro Housing Rental Assistance applications. Volunteers would receive virtual training on the application process, which is then done online and by phone.

2. Volunteers are needed to deliver food boxes to Chelsea residents who are elderly and/or ill. Boxes would be picked up at a food pantry location, driven directly to the address of the individual/family and dropped off outside their homes.

3. Volunteers are needed to teach English Conversation classes over Zoom using the Collaborative's curriculum. As certain industries - hospitality, restaurants, etc. - have been hit hard by the pandemic and employment opportunities have disappeared and changed, this is one way the Collaborative is working to support community members with job readiness skills.

Please let us know if you're interested or may be available for any of these roles and/or if people in your personal networks would be.

Ellen Blaney (blaneyellen@gmail.com), Tania Erlij (winniefrank@verizon.net), and Martha Leader (mleader@rcn.com)

Our First Parish Book Club meets this evening at 7:30pm via Zoom to discuss Susan Orlean's The Library Book. Please reach out to Julie Horvath if you need the Zoom info.
QUILT PATTERNS

Decorate the patterns with Crayola® Crayons or Markers. Cut out each square. Arrange the squares into your own creative pattern for a quilt. Then glue each square to a piece of thin cardboard, for example, a recycled file folder. Trim the cardboard around the quilt design. Give to a friend, use as a decoration, or doll quilt.
Reimagining Public Safety in Brookline and Beyond: A Conversation with Select Board Member Raul Fernandez - Wednesday, August 5, 6pm-7:30pm via Zoom

The Racial Justice Action Committee is excited to announce a special online event for FPB! On Wednesday, August 5, 6-7:30pm, Brookline Select Board Member Raul Fernandez will engage our congregation via Zoom to share ideas on reimagining public safety in Brookline and beyond to achieve justice and equity for all.

Dr. Raul Fernandez is the Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at BU’s Wheelock College of Education & Human Development and a lecturer in Wheelock’s Higher Education Administration program. Raul is also an appointee to the Racial Imbalance Advisory Council of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and co-creator of the Wide Lens film series at the Coolidge Corner Theatre, which seeks to explore underrepresented perspectives through film and conversation.

We look forward to a lively conversation with Raul about all the hopes, fears, potential, and challenges that come with the bold reimagining of an entrenched status quo. Please RSVP here and add questions for Raul in the Comments. A Zoom Link will be sent to all who register, and will be included in our announcements as we approach the event.

Racial and Immigration Justice: Take Action This Week - Updated every Monday on our First Parish in Brookline website

With social distancing and staying inside, you might wonder what you can do for the world right now. The Racial Justice Action Committee offers ideas to help FPB members increase our collective impact in the critical work of racial and immigration justice and, at the same time, build supportive community. We encourage you to save this link and check it each week. This is still being updated regularly!

For more information, contact Martha Leader or Almas Dossa.