First Parish in Brookline  
August 30, 2020  
Return Again

Bell Ringing

Words of Welcome  
Susan Larrabee, Worship Associate

Unison Chalice Lighting  
Susan Larrabee

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.

We give ourselves one unto another, covenenting 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)

Call to Worship  
Jud Wolfskill, Ministerial Intern

Opening Song  
Come, Come, Whoever You Are  
Keith Kirchoff

Come, come, whoever you are  
Wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving  
Ours is no caravan of despair  
Come, yet again, come  
(x3)

Time for All Ages  
Laci Lee Adams, DRE

Reading  
In a Difficult Time (Jud Wolfskill)  
Susan Larrabee

Offering  
Susan Larrabee

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Offertory  
Meditation on Breathing  
Keith Kirchoff

When I breathe in, I’ll breathe in peace  
When I breathe out, I’ll breathe out love

Blessing of the Gifts  
Susan Larrabee

Sermon  
Jud Wolfskill
Closing Song

Blue Boat Home

Keith Kirchoff

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I’ve been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor’s song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Extinguishing the Chalice

Unison Affirmation

Susan Larrabee

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

Jud Wolfskill

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 Peace and Hope as well as 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.

Announcements

September Newsletter

What’s happening next month at First Parish? Share information about your group or
committee, and look for the Newsletter to see all that we have going on. Please email all
articles to Alisa by the end of the day on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The September
Newsletter will be sent out on Friday, September 4, 2020.
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.

Reimagining Public Safety - a Racial Justice Action Committee Forum

The Racial Justice Action Committee hosted a conversation with Dr. Raul Fernandez on August 5th called “Reimagining Public Safety in Brookline and Beyond: A Conversation with Select Board Member Raul Fernandez”.

If you were unable to attend, you can listen to the forum’s recording and read the supporting articles and information by following the links below.

See the text here of "Amen to Uprising: A Commitment and Call to Action," a related resolution which the delegates at the recent UUA General Assembly in June overwhelmingly adopted.

1. The Invention of the Police (can also be listened to)

2. Brookline Task Force charges:
   • Task Force to Reimagine Policing in Brookline
   • Select Board Committee on Policing Reforms

3. Testimony in Opposition to Massachusetts “Police Reform” Bill S.2820

To watch the video of the forum, please click here.