

First Parish in Brookline
September 20, 2020
Going Against the Flow



Sounding the Shofar

Zoe Perry-Wood

Introit

Kol HaOlam Kulo Gesher Tzar M'od
(Barch Chait; arr. Michael Isaacson)

Aaron Newell
& Keith Kirchoff

*The entire world is but a narrow bridge,
but the most important thing is not to be afraid.*

Words of Welcome

Emily Cherry

Call to Worship

Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood

*Opening Hymn:

Oh, I Woke Up this Morning

Keith

*Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind (and it was stayed), stayed on freedom!
Woke up this morning with my mind (and it was stayed), stayed on freedom!
Woke up this morning with my mind (and it was stayed), stayed on freedom!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.*

I was walking and talking with my mind...

I was singing and praying with my mind...

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind...

Unison Chalice Lighting

Emily and Jud

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, covenanting 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)

Reading *A Kids Book about Racism* (Jelani Memory) Laci Lee Adams,
Director of Religious Exploration

Anthem *The Storm is Passing Over* (Charles Albert Tindley; arr. Barbara W. Baker)
Elizabeth McIntire, Kristen McIntire, Adrian Jones, Keith

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.*

*The storm is passing over, Hallelu.
Hallelujah!*

Candles of Joy & Concern and Candles of Peace Rev. Lisa and Jud

Prayer and Meditation Jud

Offering Rev. Lisa
Please give as generously as you can to First Parish in Brookline by clicking [here](#) or by texting your donation dollar amount to (617) 996-8956. If you would like to give toward your pledge, text you can text the dollar amount plus the word pledge.

Offertory *Shotgun Down the Avalanche* Landon Rose
(Shawn Colvin) & Kiara Zani

*I'm riding shotgun down the avalanche, ooh
Tumbling and falling down the avalanche, ooh*

*So be quiet tonight
The stars shine bright
On this mountain of new fallen snow
But I will raise my voice into the void
You have left me nowhere to go*

*I love you so much and it's so bizarre
A mystery that goes on and on and on*

*This is the best thing and the very most hard
And we don't get along*

*After countless appeals
We keep spinning our wheels
On this mountain of new fallen snow
So I let go the catch and we are over the edge
You have left me nowhere to go*

I'm riding shotgun down the avalanche

*Sometimes you make me lose my will to live
And just become a beacon for your soul
But the past is stronger than my will to forgive
Forgive...*

Blessing of the Gifts

Rev. Lisa

Reading

Prayer (Kenny Wiley)

Emily Cherry

***Hymn of Preparation**

Wade in the Water

Keith

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in white.
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like an Israelite.
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in red.
God's gonna trouble the water.
It looks like the band that Moses led.
God's gonna trouble the water.*

Sermon

Going Against the Flow

Rev. Lisa

***Closing Hymn**

We Shall Not Give Up the Fight

Keith

*We shall not give up the fight we have only started,
we have only started,
we have only started!
We shall not give up the fight we have only started,*

*we have only started,
we have only started.*

*Together we'll find victory hand holding hand,
hand holding hand,
hand holding hand!
Together we'll find victory hand holding hand,
hand holding hand,
hand holding hand!*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Jud and Emily

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

Rev. Lisa

Go Out and Love the World

*Go out and love the world!
Vá e ame o mundo!
¡Vayan a amar al mundo!
Ale e renmen tut moon! (2x)*

Postlude

Keith

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.

Announcements

Join a Small Group this Fall!

Are you feeling lonely, discouraged or just in need of some friendly faces? First Parish small groups are forming now. If you've never been part of one of our small groups, they are facilitated gatherings of 6-8 people, focusing on a different topic each month. Past groups have included such themes as: The Art of Imperfection, Awe and

Wonder, Being Mortal, Claiming Happiness, plus many more. Groups meet monthly, at different days and times.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Jeff Cadow: carechair@firstparishinbrookline.org or Rev. Lisa: revlisa@firstparishinbrookline.org.

First Parish Choir

The choir is back and we'd love for you to join us! Our first meeting of the fall will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7pm via zoom. There's never been a better time to join the choir, virtual as it may be, so jump in and sing along!

For the Zoom link or with questions, please email the Music Director:

keithkirchoff@gmail.com

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the October Newsletter are due on Tuesday, September 22 by the end of the day. The October Newsletter will go out on Friday, September 25.

Our deadline for the November Newsletter will be Tuesday, October 27th.

The deadlines for the December and January Newsletters will be earlier in the month due to the Holidays.

Please [email Alisa](mailto:Alisa) if you have any questions.

Walk for Hope

The First Parish Vision Team that traveled to Guatemala in February is participating in a virtual walk on Sunday, Sept 20. The "Walk for Hope" is sponsored by [Common Hope](#) - the organization that "helps fight poverty with diplomas" (along with healthcare, food and social support). The families that we came to know and love during our visit have been very hard-hit by the pandemic and many people have lost their jobs.

Anyone interested in learning more about Common Hope and our plans to send the next First Parish Vision Team in February 2021 is welcome to walk with us. We are meeting at 9am at the Skating Rink next to the Cleveland Circle Reservoir.

Contact Melinda Maryniuk or Susan Larabee to let us know if you are coming. It is predicted to be a beautiful sunny day - so if nothing else, just join us for a nice walk - and be home in time for the 11 am service!

You can also make a small donation by going to his link:

<https://give.commonhope.org/team/315367>

Susan Larrabee: susanlarrabeeuu@gmail.com 617-922-9419 or

Melinda Maryniuk: mmaryniuk@gmail.com 617-610-4395

Book Club

The Book Club had a lot of fun discussing *The Immortalists* in September! Our book for October 4 is *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

We will meet via Zoom Sunday, September 27 at 7:30 to choose books for this new year. If you have read something you'd like to discuss with others, or have books in mind that would be interesting/fun/challenging for the group, we're interested!!

To participate, send two book titles to Kevin at rudi@bu.edu by Sept. 25.

Kevin will compile a list, and at the meeting you will give a very short pitch for your recommendations. We'll vote and create our new schedule for the year. If you can't make the meeting, but want to send titles AND pitches for us to use, that's fine, too.

A few ideas/tips:

1. Author diversity - gender, race, ethnicity, nationality - can open new worlds.
2. Fiction or non-fiction books
3. Books available in paperback, in audio format, and at the libraries
4. Different genres are welcome. We've read biographies, history, historical fiction, fantasy with glorious art, satire, police/spy novels, classics, quirky short stories....The more variety the better, don't you think?

Please email [Julie Horvath](mailto:Julie.Horvath@rcn.com) with any questions.

Virtual Phone Banking for Justice

NEW TIME: Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00pm

Justice seeking in community - a weekly First Parish in Brookline initiative - Using our Phones and Email to Move our Government Leaders

We're identifying a set of urgent actions government officials and others can take now related to key First Parish priorities such as immigration justice, racial justice, and housing justice. We're organizing them into a simple, straightforward one-hour action plan that we can all do together on Thursday afternoons.

From the safety of our own homes, we're reaching out to legislators and other public officials by phone and email. We use talking points our organizers have developed in advance. We join through video conferencing so we can center ourselves and encourage each other. For those who are new, we offer a Zoom breakout space to orient and welcome you.

We join together online every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:00. And if you're not free on a given Thursday to join us, join us online the next week!

Interested? Please sign up here. <https://form.jotform.com/200856071147149>

Have questions? Ask here <https://form.jotform.com/200856071147149>

OR email Martha Leader mleader@rcn.com

All are welcome!

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.