

First Parish in Brookline  
October 18, 2020  
Dancing With Vulnerability



**Gathering Bell**

**Introit**

*A Dance in Social Distance*

Johanna Kepler  
and Kameron Williams

**Words of Welcome**

Emily Cherry

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood

**\*Opening Hymn:**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Keith Kirchoff

*This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Everywhere I go...*

*Building up a world...*

**Unison Chalice Lighting**

Emily and Rev. Lisa

*Nos entregamos y nos comprometemos a caminar juntos como  
congregación, prometiéndolo 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)*

Dance Michele David

Candles of Joy and Concern, Peace and Hope Jud Wolfskill, Ministerial Intern  
and Rev. Lisa

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation Jud

Offering and Blessing of Gifts Emily

Offertory *Untenable Grace*

Sculpture: Sally Moore

Photography: Sally Moore

Video Production: Keith Kirchoff

Music: *Nocturne* by Paul Lombardi, performed by Keith Kirchoff

Time for All Ages Laci Lee Adams,  
Director of Religious Exploration

\*Hymn of Preparation *Turn the World Around*  
Emily Wheeler

*We come from the fire, living in the fire  
Go back to the fire, turn the world around.*

*We come from the water, living in the water,  
Go back to the water, turn the world around.*

*We come from the mountain, living in the mountain,  
Go back to the mountain, turn the world around.*

*Whoa! So is life.*

*Ah! So is life.*

*Whoa! So is life.*

*Ah! So is life.*

*Do you know who I am?*

*Do I know who you are?*

*See we one another clearly?*

*Do we know who we are?*

*Do you know who I am?  
Do I know who you are?  
See we one another clearly?  
Do we know who we are?*

*Whoa! So is life.  
Ah! So is life.  
Whoa! So is life.  
Ah! So is life.*

*Water make the river, river wash the mountain,  
Fire make the sunlight, turn the world around.*

*Heart is of the river, body is the mountain,  
Spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.*

*We are of the spirit, truly of the spirit,  
Only can the spirit turn the world around.*

*Whoa! So is life.  
Ah! So is life.  
Whoa! So is life.  
Ah! So is life.*

**Reading & Dance**

*On Vulnerability*

Jody Leader

Adapted from *Daring Greatly* by Brene Brown

**Sermon**

Rev. Lisa

**\*Closing Hymn**

Spirit Says Do

Keith

*You got to do when the spirit says do!  
You got to do when the spirit says do!  
When the spirit says do, you got to do, oh Lord!  
You got to do when the spirit says do!  
Spirit says do (6x)*

*You got to laugh when the spirit says laugh...*

*You got to dance when the spirit says dance...*

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

Emily and Rev. Lisa

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**

Johanna Kepler

**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](http://www.firstparishinbrookline.org) if you have any challenges.

**Indigenous Peoples' Day Scavenger Hunt**

Some folks were not able to take advantage of our Indigenous Peoples Day Scavenger Hunt last weekend, so we are keeping the hunt live until the end of the month! All are welcome to participate.

Sign-up and join the hunt here: <http://scavr.app/join/EBN8YuI9DbrL7BJmH1wF>

**The Pastoral Care Associates** have a meeting today at 3:30pm. Please be in touch with Chair Jeff Cadow at [carechair@firstparishinbrookline.org](mailto:carechair@firstparishinbrookline.org) with questions.

**Announcements**

***The Condor and the Eagle* Film Screening and Discussion**

**Friday, October 16, 2020 at 7 PM**

Our Racial Justice Action Committee is co-sponsoring this film, along with seven other faith communities and community organizations.

Four Indigenous leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of "Climate Justice". Their path through the jungle takes them on an unexpectedly challenging and liberating journey, which will forever change their attachment to the Earth and one another.

This film will be made available to registrants (link below) for viewing from October 9-16. A panel discussion with audience participation will occur Friday, October 16,

2020, at 7:00 PM on zoom. Links to both the film and the zoom panel discussion will be mailed to registrants in advance.

Panel: Erika Perez, *Mayans without Borders* (Guatemala); Jean-Luc Pierite, NAICOB; Sherri Mitchell, Land Peace Institute.

All proceeds from this event will be shared with the panelist's organizations.

Registration link: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/2435509>

### **Regie O'Hare Gibson**

**Poetry Reading: Letter and Spirit: The Rants, Chants, and Coos of a Literary Musician.**

**Friday, October 23rd from 7:00- 8:00pm**

Come join Regie Gibson for an afternoon of story, spoken word poetry, music and song. This will be an intelligent, thoughtful, bluesey, jazzy, touching exploration into what it means to live, laugh, and love as a human being. There will also be time for conversation with Regie, as well as questions about his upcoming workshop series.

### **Poetry Workshop: Lettering the Spirit**

**Third Sunday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30pm, beginning on October 25th.**

The world is an especially tough place right now, and we all need a space where we can slow down, explore, and create. In this lively series of workshops Regie Gibson will guide you through poetry writing exercises on topics especially relevant to Unitarian Universalism today. No previous writing experience is necessary— just bring your head, heart and hands. Let's explore adding poetry to our spiritual practice.

**Workshops are FREE for First Parish members, limited to 15 people. [Sign up here.](#)**

### **Meet our Roxbury Neighbors**

First Church in Roxbury is 3 miles from First Church in Brookline. It is home to the UU Urban Ministry, and First Parish is one of the Urban Ministry's member congregations. First Church Roxbury is located in John Eliot Square on a hill above Nubian Square (formerly Dudley Square). Its nearby neighbors include Madison Park High School, the Islamic Society of Boston's Cultural Center, Roxbury Community College, the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, and the recently-opened Dillaway Thomas House Museum.

In these times that call us to build community across difference and address systemic racism, please join the Urban Ministry for monthly virtual **Community Conversations**, featuring Roxbury-based experts of color. One-a-month from 6 to 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings, *Community Conversations* promise to inform and inspire participants. Each will include time for a facilitated Q&A period.

**The first is October 20: "First Church Roxbury and the Neighborhood: a History"**, featuring historian and former State Representative Byron Rushing. Join the session at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89806762635>

For more information and information for accessing the Conversations see Community Conversations at the UUUM Website: [http://www.uuum.org/?page\\_id=6750](http://www.uuum.org/?page_id=6750)

**Same Storm, Different Boat**

### **Friday, October 23rd at 2PM**

First Parish in Brookline member Lilly Marcelin's Resilient Sisterhood Project presents *Same Storm, Different Boat: A Legacy of Medical Mistrust*.

Please join us on October 23rd at 2PM to have a conversation about COVID-19 vaccine trials. As I'm sure you have seen on most media outlets there is a very real fear about the COVID-19 vaccine. Just recently the New York Times published an article titled, "I Won't Be Used as a Guinea Pig For White People". We felt it very necessary to bring the community together to have an open conversation about the complex reasons behind many communities' fear of the COVID-19 vaccine, especially as our communities have suffered from a disproportionate amount of COVID-19 related illnesses.

We are honored to have Professor Susan Reverby and Dr. Stephen Thomas to discuss the history of media mistrust and give clear and accessible examples of the ways we can improve COVID-19 related health inequities in communities of color.

[Click here to register.](#)

### **The Intersections of Climate Change and Race**

**October 28th from 2:00 - 3:30pm**

First Parish's own Alfred Brownell joins Columbia University for this important conversation. Climate change threatens everything and all people on the planet, but not all impacts are felt equally. Climate justice considers the socio-economic realities of climate change on underprivileged populations, including Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The ongoing racial reckoning in the United States exposed this reality, long known to experts and activists working in Environmental Racism, Climate Justice, Indigenous Rights and Racial Justice.

Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights' report on Climate Change and Poverty revealed developing countries will suffer disproportionate impacts despite contributing very little to global warming, leaving impacts to be borne by disproportionate groups ostracized by divisions, including race.

We bring these thought leaders to share their expertise and help us navigate the two big issues of our time: race & climate change. [Register Here](#)

### **Small Group Ministry**

New First Parish small groups are in the final stages of forming now. Small groups are facilitated gatherings of 6-8 people, fostering deep listening and connections, in a safe, intimate setting, which allows us to open up and share "what's really going on." With a different theme each month, past group topics have included: 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](mailto:carechair@firstparishinbrookline.org) or Rev. Lisa: [revlisa@firstparishinbrookline.org](mailto:revlisa@firstparishinbrookline.org).

### **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](#).

#### **Virtual Phone Banking for Justice - Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00pm**

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 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 at [mleader@rcn.com](mailto:mleader@rcn.com)

All are welcome!

#### **Thursday Meditation Group - 5:15 - 6:30pm**

Our weekly meditation group will meet from 5:15-6:30pm each week. The meditation group is a welcoming sangha/community, open to all, on a drop-in basis. Please join us for meditation, conversation, and connection. For questions or to be added to our reminder email, please contact [Rev. Lisa](#).

Here's the Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91638296562?pwd=OVB3RUwyNjNXM0poT1ptcEpWbU5zd09>