



Time for All Ages

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Director of Religious Exploration

Anthem

*Mad World* (Michael Andrews)

Elizabeth McIntire  
and Emily Wheeler

*All around me are familiar faces  
Worn out places, worn out faces  
Bright and early for the daily races  
Going nowhere, going nowhere  
Their tears are filling up their glasses  
No expression, no expression  
Hide my head, I wanna drown my sorrow  
No tomorrow, no tomorrow  
And I find it kind of funny  
I find it kind of sad  
The dreams in which I'm dying  
Are the best I've ever had  
I find it hard to tell you  
I find it hard to take  
When people run in circles it's a very, very  
Mad world, mad world  
Children waiting for the day they feel good  
Happy birthday, happy birthday  
And I feel the way that every child should  
Sit and listen, sit and listen  
Went to school and I was very nervous  
No one knew me, no one knew me  
Hello, teacher! Tell me, what's my lesson?  
Look right through me, look right through me  
And I find it kind of funny  
I find it kind of sad  
The dreams in which I'm dying  
Are the best I've ever had  
I find it hard to tell you  
I find it hard to take  
When people run in circles it's a very, very  
Mad world, mad world  
Enlarging your world  
Mad world*

Candles of Peace & Hope, Joy & Concern

Rev. Lisa and Jud

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Lisa

Offering Words and Blessing of the Gifts

Jud

Offertory

*Keep Your Eyes on the Prize* (Pete Seeger)

Aaron Newell

*Paul and Silas bound in jail  
Had no money for to go their bail  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Paul and Silas thought they was lost  
Dungeon shook and the chains come off  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Freedom's name is mighty sweet  
And soon we're gonna meet  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*I got my hand on the gospel plow  
Won't take nothing for my journey now  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Soozie!*

*Only chain that a man can stand  
Is that chain o' hand on hand  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*I'm gonna board that big greyhound  
Carry the love from town to town  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on  
Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Hey!*

*Hey!*

*Now only thing I did was wrong  
Stayin' in the wilderness too long  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*The only thing we did was right  
Was the day we started to fight*

*Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*One, two!  
(The only thing we did was wrong)  
(Staying in the wilderness too long)  
(Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on)*

*Woah, woah!  
(The only thing we did was right)  
(Was the day we started to fight)  
(Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on)*

*Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on*

*Ain't been to heaven but I been told  
Streets up there are paved with gold*

<b>Reading</b>	Let America Be America Again (Langston Hughes)	Laci and Jud
<b>*Hymn of Preparation</b>	<i>Winds Be Still</i> (arr. Keith Kirchoff)	Keith Kirchoff

*Winds be still.  
Storm clouds pass and silence come.  
Peace grace this time with harmony.  
Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,  
and in calm let all find tranquility.*

*Bird fly high.  
Lift our gaze toward distant view.  
Help us to sense life's mystery.  
Fly high and far, and lead us each to see  
how we move through the winds of eternity.*

*Light shine in.  
Luminate our inward view.  
Help us to see with clarity.  
Shine bright and true so we may join our songs  
in new sounds that become full symphony.*

Sermon

*Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize*

Rev. Lisa

Closing Hymn

*Woyaya*

Keith Kirchoff

*We are going,  
heaven knows where we are going,  
but we know within.*

*And we will get there,  
heaven knows how we will get there,  
but we know we will.*

*It will be hard, we know,  
and the road will be muddy and rough,*

*but we'll get there,  
heaven knows how we will get there,  
but we know we will.*

*Woyaya, Woyaya,  
Woyaya, Woyaya.*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Lisa and Jud

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

Keith

*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 on Zoom](#) immediately following the service. If you have any trouble, the link and meeting ID are also on [our website](#).

Vespers will meet on Zoom this evening at 7:00pm. Please reach out to [Anne Copeland](#) with questions and for Zoom link.

Our First Parish Book Club will meet on Zoom this evening at 7:30 pm to discuss Gore Vidal's *Lincoln*. Please reach out to [Julie Horvath](#) with any questions and for the Zoom Link.

## Announcements

### Check Out Our New Podcast: Tiny Spiritual Practices

When times are hard, when we are stressed and anxious, our bodies tense up. These are physical signs that something is wrong, and all of this has an impact on our spirit as well. When our bodies or minds are not at ease, our spirit is not at ease either. These spiritual practices, a new one every week, will help you learn ways to calm, heal and reconnect, in body, mind and spirit. Each podcast is just 5-7 minutes long - a tiny weekly gift from Rev. Lisa to sustain us all in these hard times. Give it a try - this is for you!

This week: Intention

Link to Tiny Spiritual Practices: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1499119> or you can ask your Virtual Assistant (eg. "Hey Siri" or "Alexa", etc.) to "Play First Parish in Brookline podcast"!

### Join the UU Urban Ministry's January and February Community Conversations

January 26: ["What's Happening to Roxbury: A Conversation on Gentrification and Displacement,"](#) featuring Roxbury Native, Marisa Luse, a life-long Roxbury resident who considers her neighborhood the "village" that nurtured and raised her. She has extensive nonprofit management, community engagement and civic leadership experience. Tune in from 6 to 7:30 on the 26th [here](#). Special thanks to Conversation sponsor First Parish in Lexington.

February 16: ["Equity in Education,"](#) featuring historian Joseph D. Feaster, Jr. Esq. speaking on the work of the [NAACP](#) and [Urban League](#) to address equity in education in Boston. Tune in from 6 to 7:30 on the 16th [here](#). Special thanks to program sponsors Alan M. Cody and Edith T. Moricz-Cody.

And if you missed early community conversations sponsored by the Urban Ministry, here are the links for the recorded Zoom sessions:

- the **Racial Wealth Gap** with Amari Paris Jeffries <https://youtu.be/awevtsn0YPM>
- the **History of the Meetinghouse** (the Urban Ministry's home) with the Honorable Byron Rushing <https://youtu.be/72pXro-BMUU>

### First Parish Men's Group

This First Parish group for all identifying as male meets every other Sunday following worship. Meetings take place via Zoom. The format is something of a cross between

small group ministry and pastoral care, with a focused discussion topic for each meeting.

The First Parish Men's group has upcoming 90-minute meetings scheduled at 12:30 pm on the following dates: January 17, 31; February 14, 28; and March 14, 28. On January 3, we will discuss male spirituality. Please join us on our zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86031237822?pwd=NHVTYk90QWdKR0ZvR29hQ0N2R1VmQT09>.

Facilitation for the meetings is shared by Jud Wolfskill, Robson Goulart, Jeff Cadow and Paul McLean.

### Racial and Immigration Justice: Take Action This Week

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](#).

### Thursday Meditation Group

Our weekly meditation group meets 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/99882442871?pwd=c0dNZzdQNWJ1Ny9LYmFFODV3WUMxUT09>

### PenPal Progress

Goal: 75 + Volunteers

**IT TAKES ALL OF US  
TO MAKE A  
PROGRAM SOAR!**

PLEASE SIGN-UP TO BE A PEN-PAL:  
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM  
/GO/5080A4AADAC22A4FB6-  
DEEPENING](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AADAC22A4FB6-DEEPENING)

Timeline:

- Deadline to Sign-up: January 24th.
- Receive your Match: January 31st.
- First letter sent by adult pen pals during first week of February (in advance of Valentine's Day!)

Current Volunteers: 5

The graphic features a vertical purple ladder on the right side with 75 rungs. A yellow hot air balloon with a purple basket is floating near the bottom of the ladder. The background is light blue.