

First Parish In Brookline  
October 22, 2023  
Immigration Justice Committee  
Order of Service



**\*Hearing assistance devices are available to the congregation\***

**Gathering Bell**

**Introit**

*Would You Harbor Me?* (music and lyrics:  
Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell; arr. Keith Kirchoff)

Chancel Choir

*Would you harbor me?  
Would I harbor you?  
Would you harbor me?  
Would I harbor you?  
Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew  
a heretic, convict or spy?  
Would you harbor a runaway woman, or child,  
a poet, a prophet, a king?  
Would you harbor an exile, or a refugee,  
a person living with AIDS?  
Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth  
a fugitive or a slave?  
Would you harbor a Haitian, Korean, or Czech,  
a lesbian or a gay?  
Would you harbor me?  
Would I harbor you?  
Would you harbor me?  
Would I harbor you?*

**Words of Welcome**

Sue Kalt

**Call to Worship**

Sue

**Opening Hymn**

Siyahamba (teal hymnal, #1030)

Congregation and  
Youth Choir

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siya hamb' ekukhanyen' siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.  
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.*

*We are dancing...*

**Unison Chalice Lighting**

Julie Horvath

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)*

**Time for all Ages**

Jayleigh Lewis, Director of Family and Community  
Ministries and special guest Rebecca Zama

**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 tout moun! (2x)

**Centering Moment**

Words by Juan Antonio Espinosa

Marilyn Tressel

Give us a heart large enough to love,  
Give us a heart strong enough to struggle.  
New people, creators of history, builders of a new humanity  
– New people who experience their lives as the  
risk of a long journey. “

**Anthem***Where You Go* (Shoshana Jedwab)Robson Goulart &  
Chancel Choir

*Where you go I will go, beloved.  
Where you go I will go.  
Where you go I will go, beloved.  
Where you go I will go.*

*For your people are my people.  
Your people are mine.  
For you people are my people.  
Your divine, my divine.*

**Reading***From Home*, Warsan Shire

Barbara Cone

**Offering Words**

Sue Kalt

You may text the dollar amount you wish to give to (617) 996-8956. You may also give online from the First Parish webpage through PayPal or your credit or debit card. If you are also filling part of your pledge, please write “Pledge” in the memo line.

*Today's offering will be gratefully received for the work of our neighbors at IFSI, the Immigration Family Service Institute and their Circle of Hope initiative.*

**Offertory***It Could Be You* (Robert Graham)

Chamber Choir

*You see them on your tv screens in newspapers and magazines  
Leaving everything they have behind.  
Its a journey they don't wanna take they take it for their children's sake.  
Can you say you wouldn't do it too?  
Humanity is staring at you if you choose to see:  
It could be you.  
Why don't you feel what they're going through?  
It could be you.  
It could be you.*

*Do you really think it's true  
When you say there's nothing we can do,*

*When you know you'd never say that as a child?  
Why can't you seem to comprehend  
Life's just a lottery my friend?  
When did you decide the game was through?*

*People are people.  
People like you and me. Why can't you see?  
Talk to the children, cause they understand  
If we can jump around on the moon  
Then there's no excuse to run away.  
Open up your heart today.*

**Blessing of the Gifts**

Sue Kalt

**Testimony**

Rev./Atty. Nunotte Zama

**Closing Hymn**

Blue Boat Home (teal hymnal, #1064)

*Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from 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 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**

Sue Kalt

**Unison Affirmation**

*Apagamos esta llama pero nó la luz de la verdad,  
Ni el calor de la comunidad ni el fuego del compromiso.  
Estos los llevamos con nosotros y los ofrecemos para bendecir al mundo.*

*We extinguish this flame and not the light of truth,  
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**Benediction**

Marilyn Tressel

## **Announcements**

- Flowers today are given by Marilyn Tressel.