

FIRST PARISH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST



Canton
MASSACHUSETTS

A NEPONSET RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY



Joy in a Climate Justice Revival, Part II



April 27, 2025
Order of Service



Our Unitarian Universalist Faith Values

Land and Labor Acknowledgement
The First Parish Unitarian Universalist-Canton, MA
[Adopted at the FPUU Annual Meeting on 6/4/24]

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist-Canton is proud to be a major historical church of Canton, representing a consolidation of two of Canton's oldest churches – the First Parish Unitarian, founded in the 18th century and the First Universalist Church, founded in the 19th century. We recognize that our church's history is complicated by the combined legacies of colonialism and slavery in the United States context. We acknowledge the history of Indigenous peoples and the dispossession of their lands, including that these original lands in Canton and neighboring towns were named Ponkapoag by indigenous peoples. We pay our respects to the Neponset Band, among other bands, of the Massachusetts Tribe, who have stewarded this land throughout generations. We honor their continued presence here and throughout their diaspora. We also acknowledge that we in Canton do not exist independently from centuries of forced labor and economic extraction from enslaved and indentured Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), including children, as well as poor white immigrants/residents suffering abusive child labor and economic exploitation. And we want to affirm that although we cannot change history, we can and will work for justice, and that justice first begins in direct relationship with mutual recognition and acknowledgment of our shared history, experiences, and interactions. We celebrate and work in solidarity with BIPOC organizations leading the movement for our collective liberation, and we choose to build a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community casting out racism and oppression in ourselves and our institutions.

Our Vision and Purpose

FPUU Canton is a welcoming, caring, and diverse faith community that seeks to nurture and inspire each person's spiritual journey while serving others in our commitment to peace and justice.

Minister & Staff

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh, *Lead Minister*
The Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs, *Affiliate Community Minister*
The Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson, *Minister Emerita*
James Chubet, *Music Director*
Carol Smith, *Office Administrator*

Parish Committee 2024-2025

Kitty McGregor, *President*
Dave Williams, *Vice President, Administration*
Debbie Radovsky, *Vice President, Member Services*
Larry Cotton, *Treasurer*
Jonette Nagai, *Clerk*
Bette Wells, *Member-at-Large*
Don Seaman, *Member-at-Large*

Vision Ministry 2024-2025

Dave Williams and Kitty McGregor, Co-Chairs

Congregational Life and Stewardship Ministry 2024-2025

Don Seaman and Dave Williams, Co-Chairs

Building Project Ministry 2024-2025

Kitty McGregor and Debbie Radovsky, Co-Chairs

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Led by Rev. Michelle Walsh
April 27, 2025

Gathering Music James Chubet

Centering Bell Rev. Michelle

Prelude *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair (Claude Debussy)*
James Chubet

Welcome & Announcements Nancy Devine

Call to Worship “The Moment” by Margaret Atwood
Rev. Michelle

Unison Chalice Lighting Nancy Devine & Congregation
written by Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, modified by Rev. Michelle

We light this chalice in celebration of the joy of Earth:
The flickering flame of a candle,
A flame that shimmers, that dances, that cheers,
The flame that heartens and encourages us in hard times,
The welcoming flame of this community and the beauty of the Earth.

Covenant Nancy Devine & Congregation
Love is the doctrine of this congregation. The quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace with respect and understanding; to seek knowledge in freedom; to serve our fellows and humankind to the end that all souls shall grow together in harmony. Thus do we covenant with each other and with our God, by whatsoever name we worship.

***Opening Hymn** *#21 – For the Beauty of the Earth*
First Parish Choir & Congregation

Stewardship Testimonial Larry Cotton

Invitation to the Offering Nancy Devine

Offertory *We Will Rise Together (Elicker-Hardin)*
First Parish Choir

Joys & Sorrows Rev. Michelle & Nancy Devine

Meditation & Prayer Rev. Michelle with Rev. Clyde
"Ute Earth Day Prayer: Earth Teach Me to Remember"

Musical Interlude *This Pretty Planet (Tom Chapin, arr. Jim Scott)*
First Parish Choir

Sermon Joy in a Climate Justice Revival, Part II
Rev. Michelle

***Closing Hymn** #1064 – *Blue Boat Home*
First Parish Choir & Congregation

***Benediction** "Let Us Listen" by Thich Nhat Hanh
Rev. Michelle

***Unison Chalice Extinguishing** Nancy Devine & Congregation
Written By Rev. Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame,
but 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.

Postlude

A Warming Warning Song
James Chubet

***Please rise in body and/or in spirit**
Please join us for coffee hour after the Service

April Faith in Action:
Canton High School Performing Arts Scholarship

The Faith in Action offering for April will fund a one-time scholarship for a Canton High School senior who is planning to major in music, theater or dance in college this coming Fall or later. There is no better way to live our values than to help a local teen continue their education in a field that we know is vitally important to all our children, yet so often in times of crisis or economic hardship becomes expendable in the minds of those with control over budgets and spending. No educational experiences have suffered more than those that include performance and the fine arts.

For more information, contact James Chubet, FPUU Music Director. Make checks or PayPal contributions payable to FPUUU Canton and tell us in the memo line or note that your contribution is for Faith in Action (FIA). Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you!

Neponset River Mind-Body-Spirit Center
(a program of FPUU as the Neponset River UU Community)

Zen Buddhist Meditation Group: Second and Fourth Thursday of the month – **May 8 & May 22** from 1 to 2pm in the FPUU Chapel, in Thich Nhat Hanh's Buddhist tradition. Alternates sitting, walking, and mindful eating meditations.

Get Your Body Groove On!: First Thursday of the month – **May 1** from 1 to 2pm in the FPUU Chapel. Come have fun and dance your stress away! This program accommodates all body types and abilities, and sitting while dancing is fine!

Public Witness for Democracy: The next public witness will be on the lawn of FPUU on Thursday, **May 1** from 5:30-6:30PM for May Day, International Workers.

Inspirational Fun Friday Movie: Change of Friday Date – **May 2** from 3pm to 5:30pm at First Parish, Chapel. Complementing the Canton Greenfest: Every Day is Earth Day, we'll watch and have a conversation about "Erin Brockovich," a film about a real life struggling single mom who fought back against environmental injustice. Pizza and popcorn provided!

Exploring Your Spirituality: Third Thursday of the month – **May 15** from 1pm to 2pm in the Chapel, following 'Lunch with Friends'. May Soul Matters Theme: "Imagination."

HOLD THE DATES

FPUU 2025 Pre-Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 7-9pm on Zoom
FPUU 2025 Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 7-9pm on Zoom

Upcoming and Ongoing Events at FPUU

NEW! FPUU Sunday Zen Buddhist Meditation Group: Fourth Sunday of the month, led by Ashton Krasnow – **TODAY April 27** from 12:15-1:15pm in the FPUU Chapel in Thich Nhat Hanh's Buddhist tradition.

Sunday Brunch Potluck! First Sunday of the month – **May 4**. We are holding a Brunch Potluck after the Sunday service. A few food items, coffee and tea will be provided. We are asking everyone attending to bring the rest! See Barbara Foley for more info.

The Bible – What Is It and Why?: Sociohistorical perspectives on the bible. Second Sunday of the month – **May 11** from 12:15pm to 1:15pm with Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs, Affiliate Community Minister. **Final Session This Congregational Year!** Choose one book of the Hebrew scriptures not taken up yet and be prepared to talk about it as interested. Newcomers who have not read anything are always welcome!

Parish Committee Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month – **May 14** at 7:15pm via Zoom. See Kitty McGregor, President during coffee social hours for more information.

Lunch With Friends: Third Thursday of the month – **May 15** at 12pm in Parish Hall. Under new leadership with Barbara Foley, bring a bag lunch and something to share with others for a meal time with FPUU friends!

Exploring Your Spirituality/Soul Matters: Third Sunday of the month – **May 18** from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. May Theme: "Imagination". **Final Session This Congregational Year!**

Highlighted UUA or Neponset Region or Five Points Cluster Events

UU Mass Action Indigenous Working Group: Monday, **April 28**, 6PM-7:15PM zoom, "A Spiritual Crisis: Healing Alienation from Mother Earth." Special Guest Speaker: Krysten Wymen, Nipmuc tribe, co-founder of Eastern Woodlands Rematriation.

Canton GreenFest: Earth Day Is Every Day: Saturday, **May 3**, 1-4PM, Mass Audubon MABA Education Center, 963 Washington Street.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace: Sunday, **May 11**, 8AM-10AM, see Rev. Michelle if you are interested in going to Boston this morning to walk in the annual Louis D. Brown event! Minimally our friends from the Sharon UU congregation will be participating!

DRUUMM Public Worship "There Will Always Be Dancing": **SAVE THE DATE** Thursday, **May 15**, 8-9:30pm on a specially provided DRUUMM Zoom link. DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries) is the major BIPOC organization of the UUA, and FPUU has chosen to be sponsor for this event.