



The First Parish in Lincoln

An open and welcoming church



“The Echoes of Our Turning”

Worship Theme | The Stories We Tell
November 17, 2024 at 10am

Welcome to First Parish

Nurturing Spirituality | Building Community | Pursuing Justice

We are an open and welcoming community church formed in 1942 by the union of the Congregational (1746) and Unitarian (1842) churches in Lincoln. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Land Acknowledgment. We gather today on the unceded homelands of the Massachusetts and Nipmuc peoples. Let us strive to honor all indigenous peoples by joining their efforts to pursue justice and care for this land. *An action step is included at the back of this bulletin.*



If you are visiting this morning, we are so glad you are here! We hope you'll join us for Coffee Hour after worship. Tell us about yourself or sign up for our mailing list by filling out a Virtual Connect Card.

Livestream. You can view past services on our YouTube page. If you don't wish to have your image included in a recording, please contact the church office or a minister.

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.



Give Online! Scan the QR code to contribute toward the Sunday Plate, a pledge, or a Special Offering.

Children's Program. Nursery care is available up the hill on the lower level with Debby starting at 9:30am. Children in grades K-5 will meet up the hill in the Parish House for a visit & special project with Author, Laurel Molk and her helpers, Katy Walker and Kate Dahmen. Children in grades 6+ are invited to attend worship service with their families. At 11:30am today, our 6th & 7th graders will have pizza in the Parish House before carpooling to the Islamic Center of Boston with chaperones, Tom DeNormandie and Lora Venesy.

We thank the following people for their contributions to today's service.

Deacon

Mary Jo Veling

Lay Leader

Jennie Morris

Ushers

Tricia Deck

Joan Kimball

Penny DeNormandie

Altar Flowers

Sarah Little

Given in loving memory

John D.C. Little by his family

Hospitality

Mimsy Beckwith

Gina Halsted

SUNDAY, November 17, 2024

THE STORIES WE TELL

Welcome! Please enjoy the prelude in a spirit of meditation.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

What We Need Is Here

Amy McCreath

WELCOME

Sarah Klockowski

***OPENING WORDS**

From enfleshed, adapted

One: We are creating new worlds—

**All: In the art we make
In the stories we tell**

One: We are creating new worlds—

**All: Through the tenderness we show
Through the solidarity we practice**

One: The world is making us new—

**All: each evening luring us to the womb of rest
each sunrise beckoning us to begin again**

One: Come, let us join in the turning of the world together.

***OPENING HYMN | Gray 34**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

GIFT OF LOVE

COVENANT | In Unison

Jennie Morris

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus

We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Kit Novotny & Rev. Nate Klug

Anya Cheema Gomez

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through God's grace, which makes us one. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

This Joy That I Have

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

This peace that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

TIME FOR OUTREACH

Teddy Kassabian
All Hands and Hearts, CFO

SUNG RESPONSE

This Joy That I Have

This love that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

Rev. Kit Novotny

What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.
Is there a thing of which it is said,
"See, this is new"?
It has already been
in the ages before us.

From *Parable of the Trickster* | Octavia Butler

There's nothing new
under the sun,
but there are new suns.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Jennie Morris

PRAYER HYMN | Gray 95

There Is More Love Somewhere

BIKO

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Ministers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jennie Morris

UNISON PRAYER

A Prayer for Transgender Justice | Transforming Hearts Collective, adapted

We who believe in freedom will not rest until it comes.

We pray for the dawn of a new day

when the humanity of trans people is no longer called into question or ignored.

We pray that physical, emotional, and spiritual violence will come to an end.

We pray that a spirit of compassion and care will fill us to overflowing,

that we may have the capacity to listen, learn, and grow

not only in our awareness but also in our willingness to act.

On this day, we commit and recommit

to creating a world where people of all genders know peace, love, and justice,

to living with compassion and care for all of humanity,

to the healing work of relationship-building that will help every person know,

no matter their gender or sexuality, that they are loved and valued. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Southern Folk Melody; arr. Herbert Colvin

***DOXOLOGY | In Unison**

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise

Let the Redeemers' names be sung Through every land by every tongue. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER |** In Unison

We give thanks for both these gifts and the givers, and we ask that we may use these gifts wisely and well, both to nurture the life of this congregation and to further the goals of justice and peace throughout the world.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Standing Stone

Melanie DeMore

I will be your standing stone.
I will stand by you.

SECOND READING

Mark 1:1-3

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight,’”

Mark 16:6-8

But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON

The Echoes of Our Turning

Sarah Klockowski

***CLOSING HYMN**

Turning of the World

Words and Music by Ruth Pelham

1. Let us sing this song for the **TURNING** of the world
That we may TURN as one
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our TURNING
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
With every voice, with every song
We will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our TURNING
2. Let us sing this song for the **HEALING** of the world...
3. Let us sing this song for the **DREAMING** of the world...
4. Let us sing this song for the **LOVING** of the world...

***OUR CALL TO MINISTRY |** In Unison

Jennie Morris

We go forth from the worship of God to be faithful to the vision of Jesus
To affirm each person's dignity and to cherish the living earth.

***BENEDICTION**

Sarah Klockowski

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Bless the World

Elizabeth Norton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557

J.S. Bach

Feel free to depart or remain seated during our postlude. Please join us for Coffee Hour directly following worship in the Stearns Room!



Please recycle this program.

Bins are available in the narthex and the Stearns Room.

THE FORUM | A VISION OF FPL'S FUTURE: UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

TODAY, November 17 • 11:30am • Stearns Room

Capital Campaign Team

COMMUNITY SING FOR HOPE AND SOLIDARITY

Monday, November 18 • 5:00pm • Rainbow Chairs

Miranda Loud, miranda@fplincoln.org

MEDITATION SANGHA

Tuesday, November 19 • 4:00pm • Stearns Room

Joan Kimball & Ben Wells, selenejck@gmail.com

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION | MARIAN ANDERSON

Wednesday, November 20 • 7:00pm • Zoom

Racial Justice Advocates

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, November 21 • 7:00pm • Parish House Auditorium

Miranda Loud, miranda@fplincoln.org

QUIET WALKS

Friday, November 22 • 1:30pm • Local Trails (Location in News Brief)

Andy Falendar & Jackie Lenth

FALL RETREAT | BUILDING RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 23 • 10:30am • Parish House

Liz Elliott, Rheinila Fernandes, Rev. Nate Klug

*Visit our website or sign up for weekly emails for program details and Zoom links.
www.fplincoln.org*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ACTION STEP. You are invited to learn about and support the Tribal Access to Clean Water Act of 2023, recognizing the critical importance of access to reliable, clean drinking water for Native Americans and affirming the responsibility of the Federal Government to ensure such water access.





“WE GATHER TOGETHER” POTLUCK

Sunday, November 24 • 11:00am • Parish House

The Welcoming Committee is happy to host the traditional “Gather Together” potluck brunch following the new member signing next Sunday. Meet new members and have a community meal. All are welcome!

Potluck Assignments, by first letter of last name:

A-E: Vegetable, vegetarian, or vegan dishes

F-J: Quiche or other egg dish

K-O: Salads (fruit or greens)

P-T: Protein (meat or any plant protein)

U-Z: Grains (bread/butter, bagels/cream cheese, pasta/rice)



GUEST SPEAKER | PROFESSOR MAZIN QUMSIYEH

Wednesday, December 4 • 7:00pm • Sanctuary

RJA invites you to join us to hear Mazin Butros Qumsiyeh, a Palestinian scientist and author, founder and director of both the Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Palestinian Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability. He has served on faculties at the University of Tennessee, Duke University and Yale University, he now teaches at the Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities. We are looking forward to his speaking that will combine two of our calls to ministry: Affirm each person’s dignity and cherish the Living Earth.



THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE

THIS WEEK! Monday (11/18) -Thursday (11/21) • Parish House

RJA invites you to fill a THANKSGIVING BASKET to benefit SOLUTIONS AT WORK. This long-time FPL partner organization was founded by formerly unhoused volunteers more than 30 years ago. It has served thousands of children, adults and families in Cambridge and Dorchester through its Children’s Clothing Exchange, Solutions Wear professional clothing service, and Green Street Shelter. Questions? See weekly News Brief or find Mary Gaylord after service.

Values & Vision

NURTURING SPIRITUALITY

To be a spiritual home for individuals from diverse faith backgrounds where each person can find help and inspiration to foster personal growth on their own journey while in community with others.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

To be an open and inclusive community that learns to trust and work with each other as we celebrate, grieve, grow, support, and serve together.

PURSUING JUSTICE

To be a source of hope and positive impact in our communities, our region and beyond by affirming the dignity of all peoples and caring for the living earth.



Open & Welcoming

First Parish is an Open and Welcoming community church, affirming the dignity of all people. We welcome all persons to full participation and belonging regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Having fulfilled the requirements to be recognized as an Open and Affirming Congregation (UCC), First Parish is intentional about celebrating the presence and participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer persons in all aspects of congregational life, fully and without qualification.

Contact OandW-TF@fplincoln.org for more information.

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