



Sunday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.: Online-Only Worship, Earth Day Sunday!

April 22nd was the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. In honor of this anniversary, we will have our own Earth Day Sunday! Once again, we will attempt to use Youtube Live for our service. Plan A is, check the website: www.fculittle.org, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/revlarahoke> and click on the video that says "live". If those don't work, Plan B is that we will use Zoom and will put the link on the listserv as well as our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/389622298475784>.)



If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:50), we will again be showing a video featuring original music by Molly Lozeau as well as images of people from FCU.

This week is a virtual Share-the-Plate Sunday featuring **Project C.U.R.E.**, so have your debit/credit card ready.

Once again, we encourage everyone to light their own chalice (including a candle in a bowl) at home, so be ready!

As always, there will be a Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service; Mike Pilman will be hosting a Zoom gathering for that, links to come. Hope to "see" you then!

Religious Education

Earth Day Celebration

“Gifts we give to our mother, the Earth: to use her gifts well, and give back what we can. We love you mother Earth.”

Activities: Make “gifts” for Mother Earth:

- Decorate a litter bag to keep in the family car.
- Build a rock cairn or altar outside in your yard. Using rocks, pebbles, litter, found “junk,” blocks, toys, etc. Be creative. You can mix and match the items that you use. Make stacks as high as you can, or as artfully as you can, or in as unexpected a place as you can think of. You can make a family cairn at the entrance to your home, on a tree stump, on a sunny stoop, or whatever you want. Add flowers/plants if you wish.
- Make a wind chime/mobile. Tie pieces of wood/bark, old silverware, bells, small found objects, etc. to a branch or other place where they would catch the wind.

This I Believe

Please join the Deacons on Tuesday, May 5, 7-8:30 PM for This I Believe: an opportunity to learn more about the many nuances of religious or non-religious beliefs, philosophies of life, or other guiding principles that we as individuals at FCU hold and follow. Watch the FCU list-serve for details and a sign-up form.

Share-the-Plate—Project C.U.R.E.

April's Share-the-Plate recipient, on Sunday, April 26, will be Project C.U.R.E., <https://projectcure.org/>. Project C.U.R.E. delivers medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics in developing countries around the world. During the Covid19 crisis, they are also supporting local healthcare systems in the United States. Roy Miller, a member of the Stow-Acton U.U. church who volunteers for Project C.U.R.E. will speak about the organization, and has been invited to our virtual coffee hour. Please have your credit cards ready. A suggestion - Project Cure's donation page, add this message: From the Share-the-Plate program at First Church Unitarian, Littleton, MA.

We look forward to seeing you in church again soon.

Important Upcoming Dates!

May 3—Budget Review

May 17—Annual Meeting

For the Budget Review, and FCU Annual Meeting 2020 - Please join the listserve on our website, if you are not already on it. This will be one of our main ways that we will keep you informed before the Budget Review meeting on May 3rd, and the Annual Meeting on May 17th. We look forward to keeping you informed and hope you will pay attention to the listserve and your email over the next few weeks Thank you, FCU Standing Committee

You can register for the Listserve here: <https://pairlist7.pair.net/mailman/listinfo/fcu>

Thoughts while reading *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

The Racial Justice Task Force (RJAC) is currently doing a group read of this book, and we would like to share some of our reactions:

At this point in my life I am beginning to understand the unearned privilege of living as a white person in this racist society. I think the time has come to question at whose expense this advantage is maintained. In 1946 a French reporter asked expatriate writer Richard Wright his thoughts on the “Negro problem.” Wright replied, “There isn’t any Negro problem, there is only a White problem.” White perception shifts the responsibility for inequality onto its victims. I have been blind to the institutional, cultural norms and perceptions that keep people of color down. I am choosing to open my eyes and learn the unabridged story of inequality.

Thanks,
Lynn Cina

An Invitation from First Parish in Concord

Help Stop Voter Suppression

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 7:30-8:30 pm via Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtDumprz0qEtecNC2OyUsU6eyTQl_kSvky

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Ed Loechler is a Professor at Boston University and a longtime political activist. He is a member of the UU the Vote Team at First Parish Brookline and is in charge of organizing efforts to do voter registration in minority communities. Ed will talk about his recent experiences in North Carolina, where he did voter registration in minority communities and learned where and how to do it successfully. He will also discuss recent history of voter suppression and gerrymandering in North Carolina.



After Ed speaks we will discuss ways that we can assist in overcoming voter suppression both virtually and in person. Sponsored by the First Parish in Concord group Reclaim Our Democracy. For questions please contact Lillian Anderson at lillianand@comcast.net.

Time for all FCU Annual Report submissions!

Even in the time of Covid 19, we need to gather all the important information about the wonderful works of your team or committee. Several things to know:

John Ford has generously offered to put this year's report together.

Submissions are requested as WORD files.

Send submissions to office@fculittle.org

Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 1st.

Information about the Annual Meeting in May will be available soon.

Thank you for your prompt reply!

Your Office Team