



*Community Matters*

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**May 31, 2020**

### **May 31th, at 10 a.m.: "Closer to Fine"**

In times of stress or loss, in times like these, we seek equilibrium. We each have our own ways of doing that – through nature; through prayer or music or service or connection with others; through many avenues. But the one thing all these ways share, is that they help us to make meaning. As we try to move closer to being fine, let us make meaning together. FCU member Rev. Jackie Clement will be offering the sermon.

Once again, we will attempt to use YouTube Live for our service. Check the website: [www.fculittle.org](http://www.fculittle.org), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/revlarahoke> and click on the video that says "live". In the event we have issues with YouTube or Zoom, we will send out alternate instructions via the listserv and on our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/389622298475784>.)

If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:55 this week), we will again be showing a gathering video featuring original music by Molly Lozeau.

**As always, there will be a Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service. I'll send one email** to the list around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday with two links: the YouTube service link (for 10 a.m. -- or earlier for the gathering video) as well as the Zoom link for Joys & Concerns. Hope to "see" you then!

In faith,  
Lara

#### **\*IMPORTANT NOTICE:\***

**\*UPDATE ZOOM** in order to join JOYS AND CONCERNS before Sunday!\*

Zoom is requiring that all zoom apps be upgraded to 5.0 by Saturday, May 30th or you will not be able to join a Zoom call including this Sunday's Joys and Concerns. You can still use your browser to join. If you have questions or trouble upgrading, send mail to [IT@fculittle.org](mailto:IT@fculittle.org).

How to update Zoom:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>

### **5TH UU PROMISE - Blue - Believe in our ideas and act on them. Everyone has the right to use their voice and be heard.**

#### **Story: Lizard's Song**

**RE Activities:** Make a family video/collage/display of pictures of your pets and/or other animals that family members care about.

Make some treats for your pets or to share with a neighbor or friend's pet.

Have a party for one or all of your animals including stuffed animals.

Find or draw some pictures of animals you love including wild/endangered ones. Put individual pictures in a pail/hat/box. Pull out one and have everyone move together like that animal or do animal dances as if they are that animal. Or, have one person act it out and the others guess – like charades.

Have each person choose an animal – pets/farm/wild. Explain what their animal would want us to know. What would it say? What would their animal want to ask for? (Zole, Zole, Zole - I am a frog and pond is my home; keep it clean. Roar – I'm a lion. I wish people would leave me alone in my home in Africa.)

Go on a neighborhood walk and see how many animals you can spot in a given amount of time.

Decorate a t-shirt or bandana/face mask with permanent markers or fabric paint. You could use the 5th Principle/blue promise as a theme: the right to vote, be heard, be treated fairly, etc.

**We look forward to “seeing” you in church.**

**First Church Unitarian is a wonderful community to be part of.**

## Bidding Opens for Talent Auction

Bidding for our 50th and first ever online auctions starts Sunday after our church service. In order to bid you need to register and you do that by responding to the invitation to bid you received from Auctria. Check your inbox!

If you have any questions please email the team at [TA@fculittle.org](mailto:TA@fculittle.org) To view the catalog go to: [www.auctria.com/auction/FCULittleton](http://www.auctria.com/auction/FCULittleton)

Happy bidding!

Laura, Deb, Jen, Rochelle, and Sara C.

## Annual Minister Evaluation Survey - May 31 - June 8

Please submit \*Rev. Lara's Annual Minister Evaluation Survey

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Every year the Standing Committee is required to evaluate Rev. Lara per her contract. We would appreciate your feedback on how she has performed this past year and how she can be even more effective in the upcoming year. All questions are optional and anonymous. Thank you!

-- The Standing Committee

Looking for some audio entertainment? Here is the second installment of podcast recommendations from the Racial Justice Action Committee. These can be found via the provided link or through your favorite podcast service.

### Podcast recommendations from RJAC (Part 2)

**Identity Politics (Apple Podcasts)- Stories and perspectives about race, gender and Muslim life in America.**

<http://identitypoliticspod.com/>

**Code Switch (NPR)- Explores how race impacts every part of society from politics and pop culture to history, sports and everything in between.**

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch>

**Broken Justice (PBS Newshour)- Investigative podcast exploring the public defender system in Missouri.**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/podcasts/broken-justice>

**You Must Remember This: Six Degrees of Song of the South (Karina Longworth)- Explores Hollywood's history and the creation, controversy, redistribution and politics of Disney's locked-in-the-vault-forever, "Song of the South."**

<http://www.youmustrememberthispodcast.com/episodes/2019/10/21/six-degrees-of-song-of-the-south-episode-1-disneys-most-controversial-film>

## Caring for Our Aging Parents/Partners

Join us as we gather to support each other and discuss caring for our aging parents/partners.

Topic: COAP June 2020

Time: Jun 1, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Thanks,  
Lynda

**Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to [office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)**

**Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.**

**Community Matters is sent to the listserve Friday afternoons.**