



*Community Matters*

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**September 27, 2020**

**Join us Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 for “Becoming Oneness: Yom Kippur”!**

I'm very much looking forward to joining you again this Sunday for our Unitarian Universalist appreciation of Yom Kippur, one of the Jewish High Holy Days. **We plan to use YouTube Live for our service and will send out that link on Sunday morning around 9:45 a.m.** as we did last week. You can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If that doesn't work, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserve.) The Order of Service will also be included in the email.

If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:57 this week), we will be showing a gathering video.

**There will be a (Zoom) Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service** and that link information will also be included in the Sunday morning listserve email. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

<https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/>redacted

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Email [minister@fculittle.org](mailto:minister@fculittle.org) for information to join the joys and concerns.

I hope to "see" you then!

With love and anticipation,  
Rev. Lara

**Religious  
Education  
Corner**

Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy. ~ Heschel

**Zoom RE Gathering!**

This Sunday, September 27, we'll have a Zoom get together from 9:00-9:40 (before church service), led by Emily and Karen. The theme is RENEWAL with OUR UNIQUE SELVES. In our faith, we renew ourselves by being true to ourselves. We celebrate the “worth and dignity of every person.” Join us as we explore what this means and share our unique selves. The Zoom link will be sent out soon.

Thank you to everyone who came to our own ingathering! We had so much fun. Our next in-person get together is October 9. Details to come!

**October dates to remember:**

In-person gathering: October 9

All-ages service: October 18

Zoom gathering: October 25

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

To those I may have wronged, I ask forgiveness. To those I may have helped, I wish I did more. To those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding. To those who have helped me, I sincerely thank you so much.

**We look forward to “seeing” you in church.  
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful community to be part of.**

## October 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Alliance Presentation: "Saudade and Bossa Nova"

Join us for Rev. Lara Hoke's October 10<sup>th</sup> presentation at the Women's Alliance online meeting, "Saudade and Bossa Nova"! Some people hear "bossa nova" and think "elevator music." Not Rev. Lara! She will share her appreciation of this Brazilian music and why for her, its sounds can be among the most comforting. Hear for yourself – please join us on Zoom! The Alliance Business Meeting will be from 11:30-noon. Rev. Lara will begin her presentation at noon.

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/fcuWAbossanova>

Meeting ID: 920 9675 2164

**Film recommended by RJAC:**

### **The Infiltrators**

10/5 at 10 pm on GBH 2 &

10/9 at 10:30 pm on GBH 44

Discover the true story of two young immigrants who get arrested on purpose by the US Border Patrol and are put in a shadowy for-profit detention center. The film follows Marco and Viri, members of a group of radical Dreamers who are on a mission to stop deportations. This was a Sundance Film Festival selection.

## Looking for Sunday Service participants!

We had fun in our summer services sharing our gifts of story-telling and reading and music, and we want that to continue! If you would be willing to share a Time for All Ages, or a reading, or to perform music, or anything else, please do let me know. Send me an email and let me know the sort of sharing you'd be willing to do, and if you have any preliminary ideas. (I am also happy to give you ideas for the Time for All Ages or readings, etc.) Thank you! Please email me at [minister@fcutittle.org](mailto:minister@fcutittle.org). – Rev. Lara

## Coming Soon! Our first ever virtual *Jammin'* in Our Kitchens jam sale!

Our Jammin' cooks have been busy all summer cooking up delicious jam delights for you to purchase for your friends and family. The sale starts on October 1st at midnight and runs through October 7th until 7PM. You won't be bidding this time, you'll be buying. It's first come, first serve, so buy early and often for the best selection. You'll have the option of paying by cash or check, (check preferred) when you pick up your jams and pickles at FCU on October 10th or 11th, or paying through the Auctria website by credit card at the end of the sale on Thursday, October 7th when statements will be emailed. If paying by credit card, you'll have the option of paying the transaction fees, (which we really appreciate!) just like with our Talent Auction earlier this year. Stay tuned for links to the website!

## Transform your Trash to Clean Water in Honduras

Lynn Cina recycles your five-cent deposit beverage containers into donations toward clean water in Honduras. Bring your rinsed beer bottles and cans to church and place them in bins on the far right entrance to the Sunday School building. **THANKS in ADVANCE.**

## Please send me your photos!

I will continue to make gathering videos this year, and I need more photos! I'm happy to have photos of you at FCU doing FCU-things, but actually I'm also happy to have pictures of you now, doing the things you do. Everyone misses seeing each other's faces, but this can help. So don't be shy! Email photos to me at [minister@fcutittle.org](mailto:minister@fcutittle.org). – Rev. Lara

## Small Group Ministry

We would like to offer Small Group Ministry opportunities this church year! What is Small Group Ministry? The UUA website describes it like this: “Small group ministry is intentional, lay-led small groups that deepen and expand the ministry of a congregation. Two key focuses are *intimacy*, or building community and deepening relationships, and *ultimacy*, or the opportunity for deeper spiritual exploration and search for meaning. Small group ministry is also called covenant group ministry, because the members in a group make an intentional commitment to one another.”

Groups with no more than eight members come together (for now, on Zoom) usually twice a month. There is a facilitator for each meeting, which *can* rotate among group members. There is a check-in, and always some type of spiritual-growth focus. This is (as the UUA website notes) an opportunity to form deeper connections with other church members and friends, and an opportunity to go deeper.

Some groups will form around the Soul Matters themes. The Soul Matters themes this year are: renewal; deep listening; healing; stillness; imagination; Beloved Community; commitment; becoming; story; and play. For groups that form around Soul Matters, there is a wonderful curriculum and format for you to use that will make things much easier. Also, we will use Soul Matters themes this year for worship and RE, so it will be a way for the entire congregation to go deeper around these themes.

However, a Small Group Ministry can form around other themes and curricula as well. If you have an alternative theme/curricula in mind for a Small Group, please discuss it with me!

If you are interested in being part of a small group, please let me know. Please let me know if you are interested in a Soul Matters group, or if you have an idea for an alternative group. Email me at [minister@fculittle.org](mailto:minister@fculittle.org). Once we have interested folks lined up, I will offer an “Introduction to Small Group Ministry” session. I will provide ongoing guidance to facilitators as well. – Rev. Lara

## Racial Justice Action Committee Project

People are literally dying in the streets of America, in cities and in small towns. We invite you to join us in opening our hearts and minds to the injustices in America, as we read and discuss the book, *White Fragility*, "Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin Diangelo. As a predominately white UU community, let's be on the right side of history and step into our power and make a difference.

The Project begins on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, meeting bi weekly for 5 sessions (times and nights will be decided based on members availability). The first meeting session we will meet as a large group. The following sessions will be small groups which will determine their own meeting times. All we ask is that you come with an open heart and an open mind.

To register email Carolyn McCreary at [CLMcCreary@comcast.net](mailto:CLMcCreary@comcast.net)

We look forward to learning, growing, and being the change we want to see in the world.

Sincerely,  
The RJAC

## Church Calendar

The church building may be closed but there are a lot of upcoming events in the new church year. We'd like to include all of our events in the church calendar. If you have an event, meeting, etc., please submit a "Meeting Space Request" (under the Happenings section on the FCU website). Skip the "Space Requested" section, and, instead, enter in the "Notes" section either "Zoom" or "Offsite". If your event will be held offsite, you may include the actual location if you would like to see that information listed in the church calendar.

If you have any questions, please email [Office@fculittle.org](mailto:Office@fculittle.org). And don't forget to check the FCU calendar for upcoming events.

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**  
***Becoming Oneness: Yom Kippur***

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Community Matters** (Lynda Kaylor, Standing Committee Co-Chair)

**Prelude** “Moderato” by Max Bruch (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

**Call to Worship** (Lara)

**Chalice Lighting and Covenant** (Sierra Miller)

**Words of Welcome** (Lara)

**Opening Hymn #217** “O Sing Hallelujah” (Molly)

**Blowing the Shofar** (Lara)

**A Time for All Ages** “The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story” by Jacqueline Jules, Illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn (Melissa Barger Baern)

**Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering** (Lara)

**Offertory** “Fantasy on ‘Kol Nidre’ ”, melody Traditional, Arr. Lozeau (Molly)

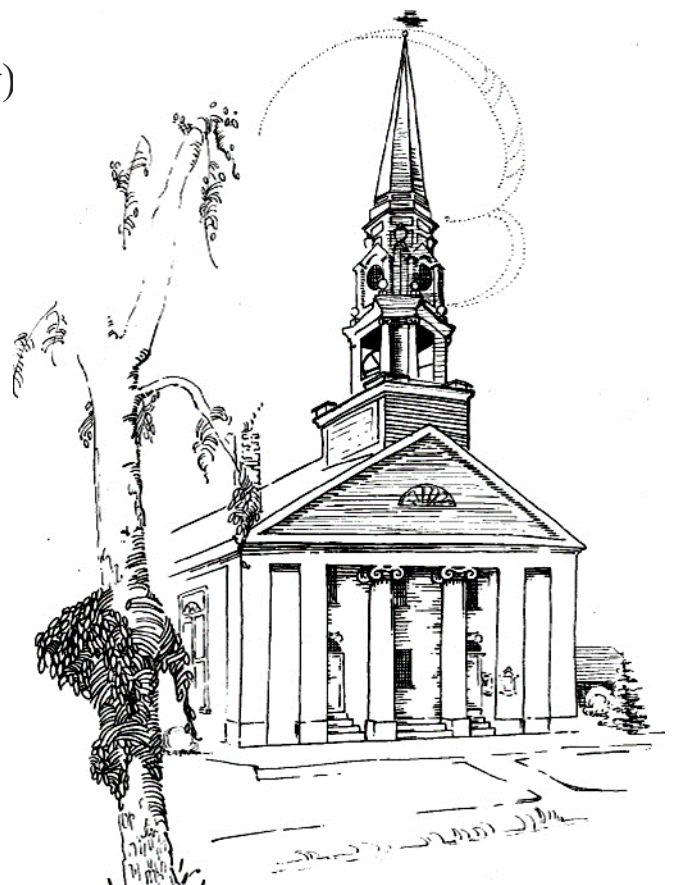
**Homily** “Becoming Oneness: Yom Kippur” (Lara)

**Closing Hymn #219** “O Hear, My People” (Molly)

**Closing Words** (Lara)

**Postlude** “Allegro Vivace”

by Ralph Vaughan Williams (Molly)



# Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples A Weekend of Online Events November 13 -15

Hosted by the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton  
in combination with the Friends Peace Team

Acting upon the 2020 UUA Action of Immediate Witness calling on UUs to “Address 400 Years of White Supremacist Colonialism” and the Friends Peace Team goal to “build relationships among Native and non-Native communities based on truth, respect, justice and our shared humanity.” We join together to learn, challenge, and support the work of right relationships that address more than 400 years of genocide, colonization, and forced assimilation of Native peoples with these weekend-long offerings. All events are suitable for high school teens and adults.

## “Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change” with Paula Palmer and Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans Friday Evening Workshop, November 13th 7-9pm

Through an experiential exercise, we trace the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th-century justification for European subjugation of non-Christian peoples.

**Registration:** Suggested donation \$20.00 per family; BIPOC people attend for free. Register for the Friday night workshop zoom link at <https://rightrelationshipworkshop.bpt.me>

## “Two Rivers” facilitated by the Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans Saturday Afternoon Film and Discussion, November 14th 3-4:30pm

This 1-hour documentary film tells the story of a rural community in Washington state that undertook some significant actions toward reconciliation with the area’s Indigenous peoples. Following the film a facilitated discussion will focus on: what would right relationship look like with Native Peoples in our community.

**Registration:** Suggested donation \$10.00 per family, BIPOC people attend for free. Register for the Saturday movie discussion zoom link at <https://rightrelationshipmovie.bpt.me>

## “The Land Remembers” led by Paula Palmer Sunday Morning Worship Service, November 15th 10am

Many Native people say the land remembers. We invite non-Native people to think about the places on this continent that they know and love, and then ask: What does this land remember? Who loved this land before my family came to know it? What happened to them? How am I connected to them through the land? How could this connection grow into relationship?

**No Registration:** Sunday worship is free and open to all. Find link for the service at: <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services>.

**Join as a Congregations:** Other congregations are welcome to join us in hosting this as a joint worship service for a donation. Contact Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum at [minister@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:minister@fpc-stow-acton.org) for more information.

Questions? Email [Mary.evanspt@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.evanspt@gmail.com).

Please Join Us!



## First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

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Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.  
Landrum, Minister



### Paula Palmer

is a Quaker lay minister who co-directs Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples, a program of the Friends Peace Teams.

[friendspeacetteams.org/trr/](http://friendspeacetteams.org/trr/)



### Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans

Minister of the Brighton-Allston Congregation Church, is a queer, Two Spirit teacher, preacher, and healer of mixed-race ancestry