



*Community Matters*

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**October 25, 2020**

**Join us Sunday, October 25 at 10:00 for “Listening to Your Inner Voice”!**

I’m very much looking forward to joining you again this Sunday as we finish up October’s Soul Matters theme of “deep listening”. This week we will think about listening to your inner voice. **We plan to use YouTube Live for our service.** Happy news – you no longer need to wait for the Sunday morning email for the worship service link! Simply go to <http://youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live> and the live video will come up! If you have trouble with that, you can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If YouTube Live isn’t working, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserve.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won’t be much to see until 9:55 or so when the gathering video starts. This week’s gathering video will feature some “way back” photos of longtime FCU members, so don’t miss it!

**There will again 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:

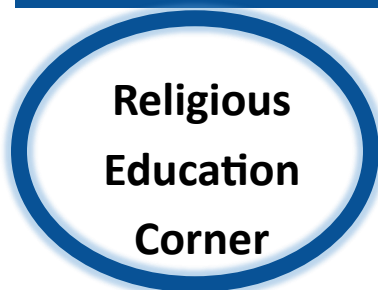
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You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. I hope to "see" you then!

With love and anticipation,  
Rev. Lara



**October theme: Deep Listening**

**Zoom RE Gathering:** Sunday, October 25th at 9:00-9:40.

LISTEN to NATURE -Elementary Ages grade K-5 -led by Emily and Karen

The Zoom link will be sent separately.

Our faith reminds us that deep listening to nature is healing. Our Seventh Principle encourages us to affirm and promote “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” When we practice deep listening to nature,

we are taken to a place of calm, knowing that we are not isolated and alone but instead a part of something so interconnected.

\*Bring your comb "kazoo" and/or your avatar picture to the zoom session if you want. Be ready to share about pets you have or pets you know. Or you can share about a favorite stuffed animal!

**November RE dates to remember:**

In person Gathering: November 6, 3:30-4:30 pm --bring your rakes!

Zoom Gathering: November 22, 9:00-9:40 am

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

**The Voice**

There is a voice inside of you  
That whispers all day long,  
"I feel this is right for me,  
I know that this is wrong."  
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend  
Or wise man can decide  
What's right for you--just listen to  
The voice that speaks inside.

— Shel Silverstein

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

## Small Group Ministry Update

At this writing, about 30 FCU members or friends have signed up for the forming Small Group Ministry (SGM). We held three SGM orientations on Zoom this week **If you are interested in being part of a small group, it's not too late. Email me at [minister@fculittle.org](mailto:minister@fculittle.org).** We want our SGM to be open in spirit and reality, and we will find ways to add interested people to a small group as time goes on.— Rev. Lara

## Never stop sending me your photos!

I am continuing to make gathering videos this year, and I will always 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@fculittle.org](mailto:minister@fculittle.org). — Rev. Lara

## FCU Crew Cooking for Food is Love

Beginning next week, a cooking crew from FCU will be cooking at the Congregational Church, filling the freezer with food. This program has been filling the gap since Neighborhood Supper has stopped serving during the pandemic. We expect that it will be a long time before we can fill the dining room with 70 guests, plus a full kitchen cooking and serving. Food is Love provides frozen meals to take home. FCU's crew of four will cook on the third week of the month, each working in our own section of the kitchen to preserve social distancing.

Food is available to anyone. Pick up hours are currently Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00-2:00, during office hours. Non-Congregational Church members are asked to ring the bell or call ahead. There are additional hours from 4:00-5:30 on Tuesday afternoons. The phone number for the Congregational Church of Littleton is 978-486-3245.

If you are interested in supporting Food is Love financially, contributions can be sent to the Congregational Church at 330 King St. Littleton, MA 01460. Gift cards for Market Basket are most appreciated and very con-

## 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.

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

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

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

(Gathering Video, around 9:55)

**Community Matters** (Jen Jaksa, Standing Committee)

**Prelude** “Morning” by Jennifer Haines (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

**Call to Worship** “Always a Voice Arises” by Scott Tayler (Rev. Lara Hoke)

**Chalice Lighting and Covenant** (Eliza Hammer)

**Words of Welcome** (Lara)

**Opening Hymn #389** “Gathered Here” (Molly)

**A Time for All Ages** “Henry David Thoreau and the Still, Small Voice” from the UUA’s Tapestry of Faith curriculum (Jen Banks)

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

**Offertory** “Thoughts and Dreams” by Jennifer Haines (Molly)

**Homily** “Listening to Your Inner Voice” (Lara)

**Closing Hymn #391** “Voice Still and Small” (Molly)

**Closing Words** (Lara)

**Postlude** “The Inner Light” by George Harrison (Molly)

Announcements/Joys & Concerns/Coffee  
Hour will follow on Zoom

