



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

November 15, 2020

Join us Sunday, November 15 at 10:00 for “Do You Believe in Magic?”

I’m so looking forward to joining you again this Sunday for “Do You Believe in Magic?,” a service that has been very carefully crafted by our own Lori Locascio! It is filled with fun and fitting music and surprises. **We plan to use YouTube Live for our service.** 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 9:56 or so when the gathering video starts.

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: [REDACTED]

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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



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November theme: Healing

Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of the number 13. Today is Friday the 13th. Many people believe that it’s an unlucky day. Are you superstitious about this date?

November RE dates to remember:

Tomorrow! - Saturday, November 14th 1 pm (rain date Nov 15th)

RE Prouty Woods HIKE up Wilderness Road Meet Emily in the FCU yard and let’s take a walk together. Just for fun. Bring a snack if you want. RSVP to Emily at emilymwelch@gmail.com

Zoom Gathering: November 22, 8:45-9:40 am

Special guest: Lorinda Morimoto to show us how to sign The Spirit of Life!

We will enjoy a session learning how to use hand signs for one of our favorite hymns, The Spirit of Life. We will learn together about how we can share our gratitude for our family, friends and church.

December RE dates to remember:

In person gathering: December 4

Zoom gathering: December 20

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“You know what the issue is with the world? Everyone wants a magical solution to their problem, and everyone refuses to believe in magic.” — Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

We look forward to “seeing” you in church.

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

Dollars and Sense at FCU

Pledges: As of Nov 11, we have received \$79,842.50 toward pledges of \$178,574.00. This represents 44.7% of our pledges for FY21! This is awesome!! Last year at this time we had collected 34%.

Usually in November I send out letters reminding you of your pledge balances. However, this is not a usual year! So instead, if you'd like to know anything about your FY21 pledge, send me an email.

Please contact Prisl Dumka at assistreas@fculittle.org if you'd like to know what you pledged for FY21 or where you stand on that pledge or even if you'd like to make a pledge (it's never too late).

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our beloved community!!

I'd also like to thank each and every one of you for your cards, post-its, words of encouragement that you send with your payment. I love hearing from you. Please know that each message makes me smile and feel those hugs that I'm missing so much!

Prisl Dumka, Assistant Treasurer

Gratitude and Abundance with FCU

7:00 p.m. Friday, November 20.

Join us on a zoom meeting the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday to spend time (virtually) together in celebration, community, gratitude and abundance.

We can have a toast with the beverage of your choice, say a prayer, and chat together. We might have an impromptu game or even a skit. I'd like to keep it to about 30 minutes because I think we are all getting zoomed out, but we can be flexible with the time.

We will be sending out a zoom link.

From Lori Locascio and Friday Food, Fun and Fellowship

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. And don't forget to check the FCU calendar for upcoming events.

Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fculittle.org

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, featuring “Magic” by John Farrar, performed by Molly Lozeau, around 9:56)

Community Matters (Karen Tucker-Barisano, Standing Committee)

Prelude “Do You Believe in Magic” by John Sebastian (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship “Trembling with Joy” by Inuit Shaman Uvanuk (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Julian Poyner)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Song “Strawberry Fields Forever” by John Lennon and Paul McCartney (Molly)

RE Showcase

A Time for All Ages “The Story of the Six Blind Men”, adapted from an ancient Indian story by Phil Shapiro (Debbie Eston)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory “O nobilissima viriditas” by Hildegard von Bingen (Molly)

Video “Searching for Truth” performed by magician and UU ministerial candidate Rob Kinslow

Homily “Do You Believe in Magic?” (Lori Locascio)

Closing Hymn #375 Doxology (Molly)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Magic” by Darren Jessee (as sung by Ben Folds) (Molly)

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

