



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

November 29, 2020

Join us Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 for “Holiday Healing”!

I’m really looking forward to joining you again this Sunday for “Holiday Healing”. We will wind up our November Soul Matters theme of healing with a look at what that might look like during what might be a challenging holiday season this year. **Once again, 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 listserv.) 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 listserv email. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

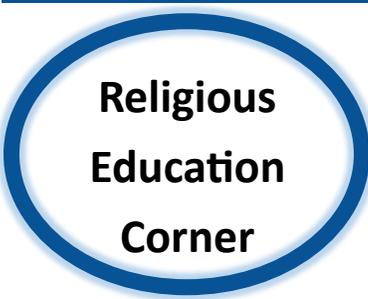
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You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. I hope to "see" you then!

With love and anticipation,

Rev. Lara



November theme: Healing

When we are sad or feeling hurt, we can feel like life is just too hard. Our faith tells us that gratitude can help guide us back to believing that life is good and then we feel better. Gratitude can heal us!

December theme: Stillness

Rekindle Hope by Watching for the Light

Our faith asks us to remember our Indigo Promise: the miracle of the web of life. In the stillness of the Winter Solstice, we celebrate the returning of nature’s

light that brings hope.

December RE dates to remember:

In person gathering: December 4 3:15-4:15. Join us for a gathering in our church front yard. We will learn about the Solstice and make lantern luminaries. We will sing some favorite winter carols. Then we will enjoy some active games in Fay Park. (rain/snow date December 7)

Zoom gathering: December 20

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart”

— Helen Keller

We look forward to “seeing” you in church.

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

Caring for Our Aging Parents (COAP)

Caring for Our Aging Parents meets the first Monday of the month, from 7-9 p.m. This has grown into a close, supportive group for those of us dealing with issues related to caring for aging loved ones. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. Keep in mind that this is truly a support group with no agenda or goals. Our next meeting will be on December 7, and the zoom link will be in next weeks Community Matters. For more info contact: COAP@fculittle.org

Holiday Helpers Gift Giving Program

Again this year FCU is supporting LPRCE's Holiday Helper Gift Giving Program. The program was "created to help take some of the Holiday stress off of families in Littleton, MA that are struggling with finances". This year the program is available online, at the following link, with information on how to select a gift & deliver it directly to LPRCE by December 11th or make a monetary donation. <https://www.littletonma.org/parks-recreation/bulletins/holiday-helpers>. If you have questions please contact Debbie Eston



Littleton's Parks, Recreation and Community Education Department is in our 12th year of the Holiday Helper Gift Giving Program and would love your help!

Vigil for Racial Justice * Sunday * 12/6 * 2 PM * Littleton Common

The Greater Littleton Interfaith Council is sponsoring a Vigil for Racial Justice on Sunday, December 6, from 2 to 3 PM. We'll meet on Littleton Common and the lawn in front of First Baptist Church; social distancing and masks are required. Bring signs (for justice, peace, civility, solidarity), a chair, and together with us.

An Act Relative to Inmate Telephone Calls, S2846

If passed, this bill will make phone calls free for incarcerated people and their families in Massachusetts. According to the Prison Policy Initiative, "Massachusetts families pay \$24 million per year to stay connected to their incarcerated loved ones, and a national study found that the cost will put one in three families in debt." There is still time for the legislature to vote and hopefully pass this bill. Please call and email your state representative and senator and ask them to support bringing it to the floor for a vote. [HTTPS://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator](https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator)

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 “For Your Thoughts” by Molly Lozeau, around 9:56)

Community Matters (Laura Semple, Standing Committee)

Prelude “Allegro from Sonata in C Major” by WA Mozart (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship “November” by Lynn Ungar (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Madelyn Hammer)

Advent Wreath Lighting (Lara)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit” (Molly)

A Time for All Ages “The Color Monster” by Anna Llenas (Susan Palmer)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Sunset Splendor” by Carolyn Setliss (Molly)

Homily “Holiday Healing” (Lara)

Closing Hymn #1021 “Lean on Me” (Molly)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Rondo Alla Turca” by WA Mozart (Molly)

Announcements/Joys & Concerns/Coffee

Hour will follow on Zoom

