



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

February 7, 2021

Join us Sunday, February 7 at 10:00 for “Theology of Football”

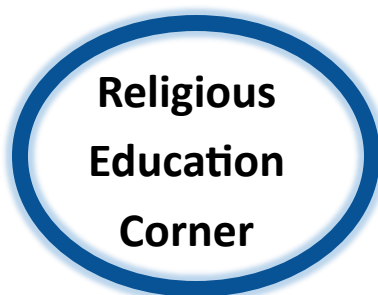
I very much look forward to being together with you again this Sunday! Together, we will share a theological reflection on perhaps the biggest “red letter day” of all: the Super Bowl. **We will use YouTube Live for our service.** You no longer need to wait for the Sunday morning email for the worship 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 9:57 a.m. 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:

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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 hope,
Rev. Lara



February theme: Beloved Community

Our Beloved Community is an open and inclusive place where we make room for all people. We are called to continually expand our love to wider and wider circles until all of humanity and the natural world is embraced. Our Beloved Community can create a place of boundless love where we acknowledge and heal the wounds that racism has caused.

February RE Dates to remember:

Zoom RE Gathering: Sunday, February 7 at 8:50-9:40 am

We will explore our Orange Promise that tells us that we offer fair and kind treatment to all. We will explore how to grow our community with love and celebrate our differences. We will explore how to stand up for equality by saying when people are not being treated fairly.

Upcoming RE Zoom: Sunday, February 21

Please remember to turn your camera on for our meetings. Thank you!

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”

~ Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

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

Share-the-Plate - February 21, 2021

Our February Share-the-Plate recipient is U Mass Lowell's Mary, Joan, and Nancy Scholarship for Courage and Compassion. The scholarship, created by Jim Nehring, goes each year to a student at the University of Massachusetts Lowell who plans to become a teacher and is the first generation in their family to attend college. More information will be provided in the Feb 17th Community Matters and Jim will speak during our worship service on the 21st.

To donate prior to the 21st or after: By mail, please make checks out to UMass Lowell and in the memo section write Mary, Joan, Nancy Scholarship.

Mail check to University Advancement
UMass Lowell
45 Lawrence Drive
Lowell MA 01854

Or click here to donate online

<<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/UniversityofMassachusettsLowell/mary-joan-and-nancy-scholarship#updates>>

Thank you!!

FCU Arts Playshop

The FCU Arts Playshop will be Zooming on Saturday, March 13 from 11am-1pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Niela by March 1. She will send out the information about the playshop (i.e. focus and materials) the first week of March.

Looking for Musical Offerings!

Do you have a musical offering that you would like to share during a church service? We are looking for folks that might enjoy singing a song, playing the guitar, ukulele, piano or whatever! You would need to choose your piece, practice on your own and then record yourself with audio and even video if possible. Then you could share it with Molly and we can find a musical slot in a future service. Upcoming Soul Matters themes include: Beloved Community, Commitment, Becoming, Story and Play. Rev. Lara and our IT volunteers will work to create a final video, with input from you and Molly. Reach out to music@fculittle.org with your ideas and questions!

Neighborhood Supper is back (sort of)!

As of January, The Supper is back in operation, in a limited way, supporting the work of Food is Love. All five churches who have cooked Neighborhood Supper are once again cooking on a monthly basis, with FCU filling the freezer on the third Tuesday. We will continue preparing frozen meals for pick up, probably for the next six months at least, until it is safe for us to have full, busy kitchens and dining rooms with 60 guests. Until then, we will continue to provide nutritious meals for any one who comes.

We are allowed to accept baked goods, so any brownie or cookie bakers who are interested, please contact Kris Ersland at kersland1@gmail.com

Pick up hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00-2:00, during office hours and from 4:00-5:30 on Tuesday afternoons at the Congregational Church of Littleton.

Donations to Neighborhood Supper can be sent to PO Box 112, Littleton MA 01460. Neighborhood Supper is a 501(c)3.

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, “We Are the Champions”, Words and Music by Freddie Mercury, arranged by Genti Guxholli performed by Molly Lozeau, starts around 9:56 a.m.)

Community Matters (Jen Jaksa, Standing Committee)

Prelude “The Entertainer” by Scott Joplin (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Fergus Abreu)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit”

A Time for All Ages “I’m Bored” by Michael Ian Black, illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi (Bill Mitchell and Ron Willett)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Tender Thought” by Ulysses Kay (Molly)

Sermon “Theology of Football” (Lara)

Closing Hymn #1028 “Fire of Commitment”

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Toccata” by Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson (Molly)

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

