



Join us Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 for “Hallelujah: Going Biblical”

This week, our very own FCU member Rev. Jackie Clement will preach for us again. Her sermon title is “Hallelujah: Going Biblical”. Description: “If you had to make an important decision about the future of the country—say casting a vote, impeaching a president or shaping a budget—what values would drive your decision? How intentional or hidden are those values in all the decisions you make on more local and personal levels? And what on earth would a Leonard Cohen have to say about it? Based on Cohen’s wildly popular song “Hallelujah” he would probably have quite a bit to say. Let’s explore it together. Jackie Clement leads the exploring party for the day.” Don’t miss it! **We will use YouTube Live for our service.** 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 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. With love and hope,
Rev. Lara

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March theme: Commitment

Unitarian Universalists have a commitment to asking questions and being curious. We encourage people to wonder about everything. It is OK to be a questioner and a doubter. Never lose your commitment to being curious!

March RE dates to remember

Zoom gatherings:

March 21, 8:50-9:40

Our Orange Promise invites us to believe that each person has worth just the way they are and we all have the ability to be compassionate. Compassion guides us to help others who might be hurt or suffering by putting our love into action. We can commit to treating the struggles of others as our own.

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We will explore how to be compassionate with others by listening to a story and creating compassion rocks to share with others.

On Sunday at 2:00 a.m. we “spring ahead” and begin Daylight Saving Time (DST).

Did you know:

- Benjamin Franklin first suggested DST in this country. When he was visiting France he saw that people would go to bed earlier and wake up earlier to save candles.
- The first country to start DST was Germany during World War 1. They did it to save coal. The United States adopted DST in 1918.
- All states but two observe DST. The two that don’t are Hawaii and Arizona. But the Navajo Nation in Arizona does observe it.
- The Department of Transportation is responsible for the Time Zones in the United States.
- One of the earlier arguments for DST was to save energy, especially on lights. With lighting being a fairly small percentage of electricity used today, many people say we no longer need DST.

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“The main problem with this great obsession for saving time is very simple: you can’t save time. You can only spend it. But you can spend it wisely or foolishly.”

~Benjamin Hoff, author of The Tao of Pooh

Share-the-Plate - March 21, 2021

Our March Share-the-Plate recipient is REACH Beyond Domestic Violence. REACH is a non-profit organization providing safety and support to survivors of abuse while engaging communities to promote healthy relationships and prevent domestic violence. Information is available at reachma.org.

To donate, please click here:

<https://reachma.salsalabs.org/donatetoreach/index.html>

Physical checks made out to "REACH" can be sent to:

REACH
PO Box 540024
Waltham, MA 02454

Thank you!!

Share The Plate Nominees Needed

The Deacons are looking for Share-The-Plate nominees for the remainder of this church year and next. The requirements for each nominee are as follows:

1. The organization must be a registered 501c3.
2. Someone must be available to speak to the congregation about the cause during a Sunday Service. (During virtual services a prerecorded video is great.)
3. The organization should have a physical address for congregants to send checks as well as a website where donations can be made directly. (The website would not be necessary when we are back to in-person services.)
4. The organization should represent the values of FCU and our members.

If you have submitted in the past, your organization fits the above criteria, and was not chosen, please feel free to renominate. We look forward to seeing your nominees.

Thank you!

Your Deacons- Andy Leyanaar, Cindy Malley, and Bill Duston

Cottage Meetings Scheduled for Recommendation to Replace Heating System- Please attend one!



Drum Roll Please! After three years of research and discussion the Green Sanctuary Task Force is ready to make our recommendation for replacing our aging heating system with a new, energy efficient system! Four Zoom Cottage Meetings have been scheduled to discuss our decision and the financial implications of that decision. During the May Warranted Meeting we'll be proposing a budget item to pay for the Engineering Design. These Cottage Meetings are designed to inform you to vote on that budget request, so please plan on attending one of the following meetings:

Saturday, March 27, 6:30PM

Monday, March 29, 7PM

Wednesday, March 31, 7PM

Sunday, April 11, 11:30AM

The following zoom link will work for all four Cottage Meetings.

Topic: GSTF Cottage Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

[REDACTED] email minister@fculittle.org for info

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,96449601866# US (New York)

Meeting ID: 9[REDACTED]

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

From the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC)

Phrases like “White Privilege” and sentences like “racism hurts us all” become part of our lexicon and we accept their truth in an abstract way. Then some event happens that deepens our understanding; a story that slaps us in the face and crawls its way into our bodies and hearts. One story recently entered my consciousness this way.

On Feb 4, Congressman Dean Phillips of Minnesota relayed how he came to fully understand white privilege and apologized for not understanding the plight of his non-white colleagues. Relating the events of the siege on the capital, he said “we were sitting ducks in this room as the chamber was about to be breached. I screamed to my colleagues to follow me, to follow me across the aisle to the Republican side of the chamber, so that we could blend in – so that we could blend in.” He said “I’m here tonight to say to my brothers and sisters in Congress and all around our country, I’m sorry. For I’ve never understood, really understood, what privilege really means. It took a violent mob of insurrectionists and lightning-bolt moment in this very room. But now, I know. Believe me, I really know”.

Submitted by Carolyn McCreary

Embracing Racial Justice

Please join us Saturday, March 20 at 7:00 to view and discuss the TED talk by Heather McGhee, “Racism has a cost for everyone”.

“Racism makes our economy worse -- and not just in ways that harm people of color”, says public policy expert Heather C. McGhee. From her research and travels across the US, McGhee shares startling insights into how racism fuels bad policymaking and drains our economic potential -- and offers a crucial rethink on what we can do to create a more prosperous nation for all. "Our fates are linked," she says. "It costs us so much to remain divided."

https://www.ted.com/talks/heather_c_mcghee_racism_has_a_cost_for_everyone?language=en

Join Zoom Meeting

[REDACTED] email racialjustice@fcuitle.org for info

Announcing the third Spiritual Physics Research Discussion Series in 2 weeks Friday, Mar. 26 at, 7:00 PM

The discussion is titled: "A new road to gravity"

Rev. Lara Hoke will kindly provide a spiritual frame for the evening. Doug Sweetser will present slides for a general audience for about a half-hour, followed by an open discussion. A \$5 donation for First Church Unitarian can be made the usual way if you have the means.

Zoom link: https://bit.ly/SPR_zoom
passcode:[email minister@fcuitle.org for code]

site: https://bit.ly/SPR_site
slides: https://bit.ly/SPR_slides - updated
videos: https://bit.ly/SPR_videos - updated
t-shirts: https://bit.ly/SPR_t-shirts



Silent Vigil for Racial Justice * Sunday * 3/21 * 2PM * Littleton Common

The Greater Littleton Interfaith Council is sponsoring a Silent Vigil for Racial Justice on Sunday, March 21, 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).

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

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

Coming Out Across the Generations



Please join us to hear stories of coming out and experiences shared by people across the generations. There will also be time for discussion.

Program facilitated by: Bob Linscott, LGBT Aging Project

Date: March 25, 2021

Time: 5:00 - 6:30pm

Place: Zoom link will be sent upon receipt of RSVP

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://littletonma.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJElf-qqpzwuEtJl1YGO0tsB-zKxltvQdn4Q>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, “Moon River”, music by Henry Mancini, words by Johnny Mercer, performed by Molly Lozeau, starts 9:56 a.m.)

Community Matters (Lynda Kaylor, Standing Committee)

Prelude “It Ain't Necessarily So” by George Gershwin, (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship Micah 6:6-8 (Rev. Jackie Clement, guest preacher)

Words of Welcome (Jackie)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Elsa Milburn)

Opening Hymn #119 “Once to Every Soul and Nation”

A Time for All Ages The story of Samson and Delilah (Kris Ersland)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Jackie)

Offertory “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen (John Ford, bass, and Eric Semple, tenor)

Reading Jeremiah 9.23-24 (Jackie)

Sermon “Hallelujah: Going Biblical” (Jackie)

Closing Hymn #190 “Light of Ages and of Nations”

Closing Words (Jackie)

Postlude “23rd Psalm”, arranged Bobby McFerrin (Carolyn McCreary, Carole Tillis, and Peter Ersland)

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

