



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

May 9, 2021

Join us Sunday, May 9 at 10:00 for “Take My Mother”

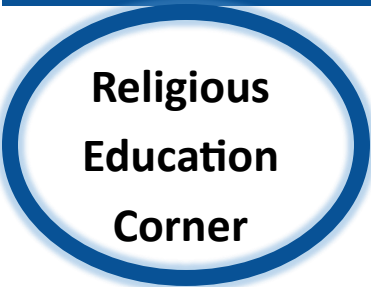
I look forward to seeing you again this Sunday (Mother’s Day) for “Take My Mother”! You will hear some stories of mothers and mothering figures, continuing our May Soul Matters theme of story. What can we learn from these stories?

Once again 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 listserv.) 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. (If you get there very early, you might need to refresh your browser.)

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:

[REDACTED -- email minister@fculittle.org for Zoom information]

You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. Peace,
Rev. Lara



May theme: Story

May In Person RE Gatherings:

This Friday, May 7th from 3:00-4:30 pm

We will be exploring our Blue Promise and how we work together to use the democratic process in our church and in our country.

We will be making posters for the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Action Day. Some members of our church community will be driving through Boston on May 8 to spread awareness of current legislation designed to make voting rights more accessible to all. We will create posters they can put on their cars for their drive!

Save the Date for these in person gatherings:

- Friday, May 21
- Friday, June 11

John Lewis was an American civil rights leader and politician.

John Robert Lewis was born on February 21, 1940, near Troy, Alabama. His parents were sharecroppers (they farmed land that belonged to someone else).

In 1965 Lewis led more than 600 peaceful protestors across a bridge in Selma, Alabama, in response to local violence against civil rights activists. The protestors were attacked by law officers, and more than 50 people, including Lewis, were hospitalized. The day became known as “Bloody Sunday.” The event helped pass the Voting Rights Act, which outlawed the many ways used to prevent African Americans from voting.

Lewis served in the U.S. Congress for more than 30 years. John Lewis died on July 17, 2020, in Atlanta.

The RE Committee,
Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America."
—John Lewis, speaking at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on March 1, 2020

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

FCU Annual Meeting on Sunday May 16 at 11:30 am.

Please plan to attend this important meeting after church.

To connect to the meeting:

Go to the Spring Warranted Meeting Info link on our FCU website at:

<https://www.fculittle.org/warranted-meeting/>

You will access the Annual Meeting zoom link on this warranted meeting page.

Please review the Warrant, Annual Report, proposed Budget, October's meeting minutes, voting list and proposed heating system information before this meeting. Come prepared to vote on these issues!

We hope you can join us via zoom for the Annual Meeting!

The Standing Committee

Keeper of the Flame Nominations

Dear all,

Nominations are now open for this year's Keeper of the Flame award. Each year at this time we honor a member of FCU for sustained, outstanding service to our church community. The names of past recipients appear on a plaque in the vestry.

If there is someone you would like to nominate for this year's award, please send their name to the Executive Team (et@fculittle.org) along with a brief statement of why you are nominating them. Nominations are due by end of day, Friday, May 28th.

If you have questions, please ask any member of the Standing Committee or Deacons.

Thanks,
Andy

From the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC)

Good Trouble: National John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Day VoterCade - Tomorrow, May 8, 2 PM, in Melrose & Boston (many virtual events too, also at 2 PM)

Tomorrow there will be many non-partisan voting rights events nation wide to raise awareness and create energy around protecting the right to vote by supporting federal legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (specifically S1—For the People Act and HR4—The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act), DC Statehood, and the removal of obstacles to voter justice created by the filibuster.

You can participate virtually or join a voterCade (a presidential style motorcade of voters) in Melrose or Boston. Signs supporting the passage of S1, HR4, DC Statehood, and removing obstacles created by the filibuster will be affixed to cars (using blue painter's tape)!

The Melrose event starts at the Melrose City Hall, 562 Main Street and the Boston event starts at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, 75 Malcolm X Blvd. Both start at 2 PM.

Virtual events, include the kick off of the Selma voterCade crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge) will be broadcast at [Facebook.com/TJC.DC](https://www.facebook.com/TJC.DC) <<http://facebook.com/TJC.DC>>, the Transformative Justice Coalition YouTube channel, and other platforms starting at noon and ending around 4:45.

Attention Campers

Our opportunity to reserve a campsite at Lake Dennison Recreation Area is fast approaching. As in past years, the annual FCU camping trip will be centered on the North side of the campground the weekend before Labor Day. This year, that means starting August 27, you can enjoy campfires, swimming, kayaking, biking, hiking, and especially hanging out with FCU friends in a beautiful outdoor setting. We usually share food as well as conversation. You can make a reservation after 4/27 on line at [reserveamerica.com](https://www.reserveamerica.com).

For more information please call Pam or Joel.

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, “Julia” by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, performed by Molly Lozeau)

Community Matters (Jen Jaksa, Standing Committee)

Prelude “Rustic Serenade to the Madonna” by Hector Berlioz (Molly Lozeau, Music Director, organ)

Call to Worship “Let Us Tell Stories of Mothers” by Maureen Killoran
(Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Vio Malley)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #38 “Morning Has Broken” (congregation)

A Time for All Ages “Me and Mama” by Cozbi A. Cabrera (Tatum Hammer)

Opportunity for Generosity—Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Miscellanea #4: Nocturne” by Ignaci Paderewski (Molly)

Sharing *short videos from congregants*

Homily “Take My Mother” (Lara)

Closing Hymn #91 “Mother of All” (congregation)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Prelude in C Minor” by J. S. Bach (Molly)

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

