



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

June 13, 2021

Join us Sunday, June 13 at 10:00 for “The Waves Upholding Us” with Keeper of the Flame!

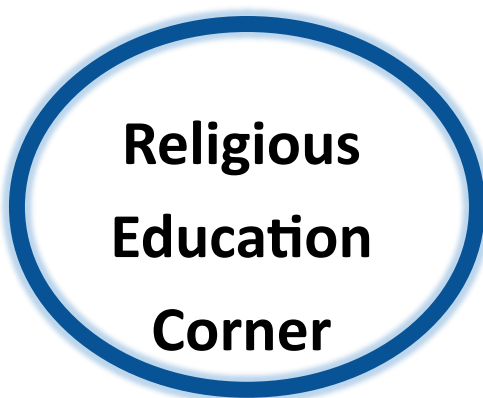
I look forward to being with you again this Sunday for “The Waves Upholding Us” with the Keeper of the Flame award presentation!

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 9:56 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 info

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



June theme: Play

June is Pride Month. Pride Month is both a joyful celebration and a serious political reminder that LGBTQIA+ people are here and deserve the same rights as everyone else. It's a great experience that people of all ages should check out. LGBTQIA+ Pride isn't limited to just one day or one month, though. You can be proud to be LGBTQIA+ or to support someone who is all year round.

You don't have to be LGBTQIA+ to participate in Pride Month—allies are welcome and everyone is allowed to celebrate in different ways. The important part is that we come together in the meaning of the celebration.

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

"We are not what other people say we are. We are who we know ourselves to be, and we are what we love. That's okay." — Laverne Cox

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

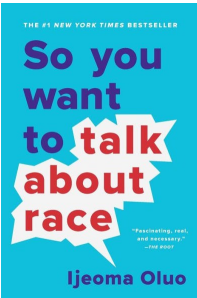
Annual Minister Evaluation Survey - June 10th - June 20th

Every year the Standing Committee is required to evaluate Rev. Lara per her contract. We would appreciate your feedback on how she has performed this past year and how she can be even more effective in the upcoming year. All questions are optional and anonymous. Thank you!

Please submit Rev. Lara's Annual Minister Evaluation Survey by June 20th.

Minister survey link: [REDACTED email sc@fcu-little.org for info]

With much gratitude,
The Standing Committee



FROM RJAC (RACIAL JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE)

"This promise -- you will get more because they exist to get less -- is woven throughout our entire society. Our politics, our education system, our infrastructure--anywhere there is a finite amount of power, influence, visibility, wealth or opportunity. Anywhere someone might miss out. Anywhere there might not be enough. There the lure of that promise sustains racism." from Ijeoma Oluo's book SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE.

Embracing Racial Justice

Please join RJAC on Saturday June 19th at 7pm to watch with us and discuss over zoom Jennifer L. Eberhardt: How racial bias works -- and how to disrupt it | TED Talk<https://www.ted.com/talks/jennifer_l_eberhardt_how_racial_bias_works_and_how_to_disrupt_it>. As always it is with great appreciation to have you join us on our quest to learn, unlearn and shift together.

[REDACTED - email racialjustice@fcu-little.org for Zoom info]

Forum—Preparing for GA—June 14 at 7:30pm

Please join your delegates to learn more about what is happening at GA this year and to give us feedback so we can best represent our congregation. We've included links for you to check out, including those related to the contested election for a board seat. The zoom link for the meeting is also below.

GA Business Agenda

<https://www.uua.org/files/2021-05/2021%20Agenda.pdf>

Candidate Forum:

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/contested-election-2021>

Statement from the Board:

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/board/announcements/board-supports-nominating-committee-candidates>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99897528513?pwd=Zno1OEImlI4ODNxdkY3VDJzdFNyQT09>

Your GA Delegates, Jackie Clement, Lori Locascio, Kris Ersland and Rev. Lara, Ministerial Delegate

Coming Out Across the Generations – Part 2!

Please join us to hear stories of coming out and experiences shared by people across the generations. There will also be time for discussion. You'll hear some stories from your fellow FCU-ers! Program facilitated by: Pastor Nancy Willbanks, First Baptist Church in Littleton. Co-Sponsors: First Church Unitarian, Littleton; Congregational Church of Littleton, UCC; First Baptist Church, Littleton; Minuteman Senior Services; and Littleton EHS/COA Services.

Date: June 17, 2021

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Place: Zoom link will be sent upon receipt of RSVP

Register in advance for this meeting by clicking here:

https://littletonma.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkf-uhrijkGdcXOM_1OvqL67wDzr8clwIK



Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fcu-little.org

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, “Summer Bay Love (for Mia)” by Lynda Lybeck Robinson, performed by Molly Lozeau, Music Director, starts around 9:56 a.m.)

Community Matters (Martha Childs)

Prelude “Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour”, words and music by Philip A. Porter (The Church Choir)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Elsa Milburn)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #6 “Just As Long As I Have Breath”, words by Alicia S. Carpenter, music by Johann G. Ebeling (The Church Choir)

A Time for All Ages “Shawsby and the Sea” by Beth Ferry, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal (Debbie Eston)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Evening Breeze”, anonymous (The Church Choir)

Homily “The Waves Upholding Us” (Lara)

Keeper of the Flame Presentation by
Lynda Kaylor and Andy Leyenaar

Closing Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”,
words by Peter Mayer, music by Roland
Hugh Prichard (congregation)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “How Can I Keep From Singing?”,
music by Robert Lowry, Arr. Michael
Burkhardt, video by Mike Pilman (The
Church Choir)

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

