



Join us Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 for “Why Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day”!

This Sunday, October 10, at 10 a.m., please join us for our “hybrid” (both in-person and live streaming) worship service! This week, in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, our own Lorinda Morimoto will give the homily. (I will also be there and will lead much of the service.)

For those of you joining us in-person, please show up a little earlier than you normally would as we will have several people helping to seat you so that we can maintain more physical distance. Please wear a mask. We request and expect that everyone who is able to be vaccinated (by age and health) will get vaccinated before attending in-person services. (Children under 12 will be outside for religious education again this week if weather permits; otherwise, they will be in the basement.) There will be no singing during “yellow light” conditions, but Molly will play and we will make other joyful noises! We will have some printed Orders of Service for those who want them. We also have a QR code available for you to scan (with your camera app) and see the OOS each week on your smart phone if you prefer. This week’s QR code is shown below. As last year, I will also email out the OOS in advance.

For those of you joining us virtually, some good news! First of all, last week’s livestream went much better. Also, we hope to improve the livestream sound of the piano this week. Finally, we expect to show the livestream on YouTube live this week! Just go to <https://www.youtube.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton/live> for our 10 a.m. start! (The back-up address, in case there are any issues with YouTube, would be <http://facebook.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton>.) Don’t forget that you can select the “full screen” viewing option and that your computer (lap tap, smart phone, etc.) also has volume options that you can use to hear better.

Please be ready to visit this website during the service (from your computer or smart phone, etc.): <http://menti.com>. The number to enter there on Sunday morning is **5749 1927**. Then, you can provide information as you wish to the questions. I will be asking you to tell us your name (if you wish) through that site, so that we will know some of the people who are participating virtually. Later, during Candles of Caring, you will have the option of sharing a joy or concern through <http://menti.com> as well.

Want to have Zoom social time after the service? Use this link each week for virtual social time following worship:

<https://zoom.us/j/94103871106?pwd=Tk5DUk84SERTakFVQ1kzY1pncktDUT09>

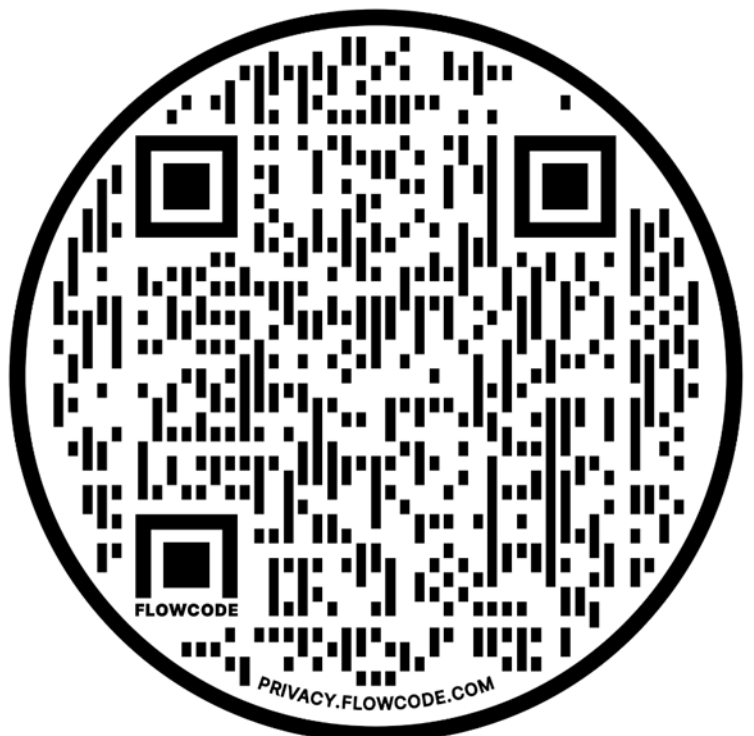
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Joy, grace, experimentation, learning, community and more will be ours again this Sunday. I can’t wait!

In faith,

Rev. Lara





Religious Education

Last week our RE group went around the corner and visited with our neighbor Lisa, who is raising 12 sheep, with the help of some youth from the 4H Club. We had the opportunity to pet the sheep and a chicken and learn what it takes to raise these animals. It was a lot of fun and very interesting.

This week Susan and Martha will be leading RE outside. They will be sharing a story about a Native American dance called the Prayer Dance. Monday is Indigenous People's Day and as UUs we want to not only acknowledge Indigenous People, we want to learn from them, and acknowledge the things they have taught us about respecting Mother Earth, and living in community. Our sixth source is: Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. I hope you can spend some time outside in nature and listen to the sounds, feel the air and smell the plants. Connecting to nature is a very spiritual practice.

We are looking for folks to help out in RE:

October 24, 31(2 people)

November 7, 14, 21

Do you have something you would like to share with our children and youth, a story about something exciting you have done in your life, like rock climbing, mountain climbing? Traveling and meeting new people? Poetry? Making art or a craft? Email me and let's talk. I'm sure the children and youth would love to have you share with them: dre@fculittle.org

In Peace, Thea

FCU Fall Festival

Our reimaged Fall Festival is almost here!!! On Saturday, October 16th we will create a "mini" fair because that's what we do!!! Our festival will include the ever-popular Trash and Treasure, Country Store (jams and crafts), Jewelry, Baked Goods, and some yummy nourishment in the form of a nice fall soup suitable for all food preferences. There will be a special appearance of the UU Ukles from noon- 1pm for your listening pleasure. The event is from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, October 16th.

Help with set up on Friday afternoon (4pm) and on Saturday morning (8am) would be very much appreciated. Come on down if you can.

If you have any questions, please let us know at fair@fculittle.org

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our event!

Fair Team,

Karen, Laura, Lynda, Monica, and Susan



Save the date!

**Our October Warranted Meeting
is scheduled for Sunday October 24th
2pm on Zoom!**

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Sunday, Oct 24th 2021

We look forward to being with you for church.

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

Sunday Hospitality

Please remember to sign up for Sunday Hospitality slots. We need 3 ushers and 1 flower arrangement each Sunday. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/oEKruxP>. The link can also be found on the hospitality page of the web site. If you can't sign up online please contact me by text: (309) 532-3511 or email: hospitality@fculittle.org.

Thank you so much for being part of this wonderful community!

Jackie Clement

CSJ has Money...

The CSJ (Council on Social Justice) donates money from the Ed Bell Fund each year to non-profit organizations. We are asking you for suggestions of organizations that you are familiar with, that need money. We are particularly interested in organizations that you are involved with. It's a way our privilege can be shared outside our Community. Each organization needs to be a 501C3. Send an email to CSJ@fculittle.org with your suggestions.

Looking for Cooks for Neighborhood Supper

Neighborhood Supper is cooking dinners at the Congregational Church. We are a crew of four who meet once a month on a Friday afternoon from 4pm until about 6:30, cooking about 50 to 60 meals that are put in the freezer to be handed out the following week. We are looking for cooks, and we use the term cook loosely! No skills necessary! If you would like to join us, either occasionally or every month we'd love to hear from you. Contact Kris Ermland at neighborhood@fculittle.org
Thanks!

Freedom and Democracy, or Oligarchy? Sunday, October 17 at 2pm ET

All are welcome to attend this free virtual event via Zoom. To register and receive the Zoom link, go to <https://www.uumarblehead.org/lectures>.

The main speaker, Jasmine Banks, Executive Director of *Unkoch My Campus*, will discuss democracy, voting, political power, and the erosion of our public institutions. She will also consider ways that we can all participate in solutions to protect democracy in the U.S.

Ms. Banks will be followed by four panelists from prominent activist organizations who will present their own organizations' approaches and how people can get involved. The panel includes:

- Diane Proctor, Steering Committee member of *Concord Indivisible and Reclaim Our Democracy*, Board member of League of Women Voters Concord-Carlisle
- (Pablo) Pavel DeJesús, Executive Director, *Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice*
- Ulysses Lateiner, volunteer organizer with *We the People Massachusetts*
- Erin Leahy, Organizing Director for *Act on Mass*.

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