



Weekly Update  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
First Parish in Lexington

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### Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 24, 2019

## "We're Not in Kansas Anymore: Youth Service"



Join the Senior High Youth Group for a worship service exploring Journey, the March worship theme, through the lens of an iconic story. Service will include music, personal reflections from the youth, and space to reflect on your own journey.

This Sunday the Senior High Youth Group will provide all of the music for the service. The entire group will perform Benj Pasek and Justin Paul's iconic "Waving Through a Window" (from *Dear Evan Hansen*) with soloists Andreas Padilla, Ella Wheeler and Liz Whitman-Kinghorn with Ella Taibi on drums. Jeremy Whitman-Kinghorn will sing Patrick McHale's haunting song "Into the Unknown" (from *Over the Garden Wall*). Jordan O'Hare Gibson and Liz Whitman-Kinghorn will sing Brother Iz's wonderfully creative mashup of "Over the Rainbow" and "What a Wonderful World." Gabriella Padilla and Liz Whitman-Kinghorn will sing Stephen Schwartz's inspirational duet "For Good" (from *Wicked*). And Jordan O'Hare Gibson on bass clarinet and Ella Taibi on drums will play Bart Howard's jazzy "Fly Me to the Moon" for the postlude.

This will be an all-ages service. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers.

[Click here to listen to last week's sermon by Jane Smith, M.Div.](#)

## March Picture Directory Shoot - This Sunday

The March picture shoot for the FP Picture Directory will be held during social hour this coming **Sunday, March 24th**.



During the past two months, many of you have either emailed us a recent family picture at [pictures@fplex.org](mailto:pictures@fplex.org) or come by for us to shoot a new picture. We now have new family pictures for about one-third of our 220 families. But there are another 140 families whom we have not heard from.

If you want to see what the new family pictures (that we've received or shot) look like, come to see us on Sunday and we'll have them on a computer for you to look at. In the meantime, email us your recent family picture at [pictures@fplex.org](mailto:pictures@fplex.org).

Be the *second in your neighborhood* to share—or have us take—your family or individual picture!

Yours in the spirit of community,  
Pete, Vicky, Dave, Julie, and John

## March Donation Drive



A reminder to please bring in personal care products for the Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry, including shampoos, lotions, dental care products, and other toiletries. Products containing alcohol or hotel sized items will not be accepted. Items can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary during Sunday service or any weekday outside of the church office.

## Vigil for our Muslim Neighbors and Friends

**IN THE WAKE OF CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE SHOOTINGS**

**LEXINGTON STANDS WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

**COMMUNITY GATHERING AND VIGIL**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 6:30 PM**  
LEXINGTON CENTER

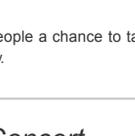
**AFTER THE GATHERING, MEET A NEW FRIEND**  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH

**USE YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO LINK TO FACEBOOK EVENT DETAILS**

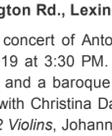
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## Steel Drum Demonstration

If you enjoy the mellow sounds of the steel drum (pan), you'll want to be here **next Sunday, March 31st**, when we will have the opportunity to hear AND play this fantastic instrument. Rip's friend, Jen Cohen, will be joining us to play pan during the service. She will talk about the role of pan in Trinidadian culture, and following the service and coffee hour at noon she'll give an interactive demonstration. Jen is passionate about teaching pan as a way to bring people together, and through her company, Calypso Connections, she leads musical team building workshops throughout New England. As she says on her website, [www.calypsoconnections.com](http://www.calypsoconnections.com), give people a chance to tap on some drums together and you are well on your way to building community.



## Vivaldi's Gloria - First Parish Spring Concert



**Vocal and orchestral music by Bach, Handel, Hertel, Purcell and Vivaldi**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:30 PM - Freewill Offering**  
**First Parish in Lexington**  
**7 Harrington Rd., Lexington, MA**

First Parish in Lexington will present a concert of Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other vocal and orchestral music on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:30 PM. The concert will feature the First Parish sanctuary choir, soloists, guest singers, and a baroque orchestra playing on period instruments directed by harpsichordist Rip Jackson with Christina Day Martinson as concert master. Vivaldi's *Concerto for 4 Violins* and *Concerto for 2 Violins*, Johann Hertel's *Concerto for Oboe and Trumpet* and arias by Handel, Purcell and Bach will also be presented at the concert. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the music department at First Parish in Lexington. For more information call the church at 781-862-8200 or visit [www.fplex.org](http://www.fplex.org)

## Climate Action Team



Please join us on **Friday, April 12th at 7pm** when we welcome Prof. Gilbert E. Metcalf, author of "Paying for Pollution: Why a Carbon Tax is Good for America." Prof. Metcalf argues that there is a convergence of social, economic, environmental, and political forces that provides an opening for a new approach to climate policy, one based on market principles that can appeal to politicians across the political spectrum. All are welcome to engage in discussion about this important climate justice issue.

Greta Thunberg is a 16 year old student from Sweden who has testified at the United Nations and started a global school strike to address the climate crisis. If you are concerned, but not passionate, about taking action, Greta will open your heart. [Watch her inspiring TedTalk here.](#)



Words to Move the Spirit

"Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life...The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction." ~ Rachel Carson

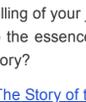
## Hand in Hand Café

The next LexRAP *Hand in Hand* Cafe will be on **April 13 at 6:00pm** at First Parish. Please go to the [Eventbrite link](#) and purchase tickets if you would like to go.



Join us in a delicious way of bringing people together across a cultural divide to enjoy good food while also empowering refugee women to support their families and build strong friendships.

## Soul Matters



*What Does It Mean To Be A People of Journey?*

**Your Journey in Six Words:** Can you pair down your life journey (or your spiritual journey) to six words? This creative challenge, started by Larry Smith, was inspired by Ernest Hemingway taking up a bet to write a novel in six words. Hemingway's response: "For Sale: Baby shoes, never worn." Besides making the telling of your journey easier, this six-word challenge helps people focus on, celebrate and hold on to the essence of their stories. So, this month, take up the challenge for yourself: What is your story?

["The Story of the Six-Word Project: Why it worked and why it matters."](#)  
[Video Meditation with Inspiring Six-Word Journeys](#)

## Staff Feedback Form

A reminder to please fill out the Staff Feedback Form either in Goggle-Form online by [clicking here](#) or on the piano in Parish Hall.

Please keep in mind our behavioral covenant includes the call for us to provide immediate, direct, and loving feedback along the way—not just during the activity of filling out this feedback form.

## The Great First Parish Bake Off is Coming!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 2:00-5:00pm**  
**BAKING CONTEST**  
**for all ages with prizes**

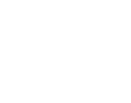
**games, raffles, food, wine and craft beer, music, artisan and Mayfair boutique**

### A CALL FOR MINI-MAYFAIR SHOPS

Our annual spring FUNdraiser will look different this year. The main event, The Great First Parish Bake Off, will feature delicious baked goods to taste and to buy. In addition, "shops" will be selling jewelry as we used to at Mayfair (so please begin saving your jewelry!).

A NEW addition will be a boutique featuring crafts made by our many skilled FP artisans. **To all crafters:** needle workers, beadworkers, woodworkers, collage makers, sketchers, painters, potters, etc., please consider donating a small item you have made (or can make by May 4th). Email Joanne Poage at [jepoage@gmail.com](mailto:jepoage@gmail.com) for more information or to let her know what you would like to donate.

## Vegan Potluck



Our Climate Action Team (CAT) will be sponsoring a vegan/vegetarian potluck right after church services on **Sunday, April 14th**. If you already have a great recipe, please cook it up for us. If you want recipes, please stop by the CAT table and we'll have recipes for some of FP staff and members and friends. Also, please send [Bobbie Hodson](#) copies of recipes others would enjoy and I'll make copies available for all.

Rip will talk with us at the potluck about his experiences being vegan.

Support the need to address climate change while giving you an your family healthy food. See you on April 14th.



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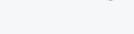
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