



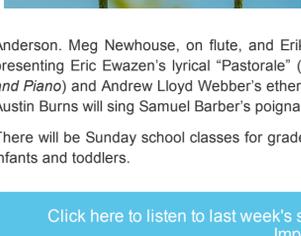
Weekly Update Wednesday, April 10, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

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Worship Service at 10:30 AM Sunday, April 14, 2019

"Where there is a beginning, there will be the end be."



Palm Sunday is a Christian celebration of the triumphant return of Jesus to Jerusalem – a journey which ended with his death. What might he have been thinking as he was approaching his own death?

This Sunday the sanctuary choir will sing Andrew Lloyd Webber's serene and iconic "Pie Jesu," with soprano soloists Liz Savir and Toni Tasker. They will also sing Stephen Paulus' beautiful choral piece "The Road Home," with guest soloist Tascha Spence.

Anderson, Meg Newhouse, on flute, and Erik Swenson, on horn, will join pianist Rip Jackson in presenting Eric Ewazen's lyrical "Pastorale" (from *Ballade, Pastorale and Dance for Flute, Horn and Piano*) and Andrew Lloyd Webber's ethereal "John 19:41" (from *Jesus Christ Superstar*). And Austin Burns will sing Samuel Barber's poignant "Crucifixion" (from *The Hermit Songs*).

There will be Sunday school classes for grades Pre-K through eight. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers.

[Click here to listen to last week's sermon by Rev. Anne Mason, "Beauty of Imperfection"](#)

Help Needed

Adult Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery on **Easter morning, April 21st**. Please contact [Lisa Maria](#) if you can help in this way.

We are still looking for a few people to help on Sunday mornings in RE. Please email [Lisa Maria](#).

Celebrate Our New Members of First Parish!

Six of our fellow parishioners became Members of First Parish last week: **Nino Felletti, Elizabeth Gemelli, Vicky Guo, Lee Ostrander, Laura Rosen, and Elaine Sterzin**. During the church service on May 19th they will officially be welcomed into our congregation as part of our New Members Celebration Ceremony.

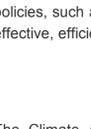


If you are finding your participation in First Parish activities meaningful to you and you would also like to become voting Members of this vital congregation, there is still time for you to join: just talk to Rev. Anne Mason or any of our staff or greeters.

Dave Horton & Pete Tasker, Members & Friends Committee

Green Action Corner

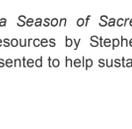
A Planet for the Children Initiative 2019



Please join the Climate Action Team this **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. After all, markets work best Metcalf suggests that a thoughtfully and politically sensitive designed carbon tax could also contribute to an improved tax system, something desired by Republican and Democratic politicians alike. That is, a carbon tax increases fiscal flexibility by providing new revenues to finance reforms to the income tax that improve the fairness of the tax code and contribute to economic growth. Metcalf compares the benefits of a carbon tax to other potential policies, such as cap and trade, to reduce the threats of climate change. None, he shows, are as effective, efficient, and fair as a carbon tax when the price of a good reflects all its costs..

Vegetarian & Vegan Potluck

The Climate Action Team (CAT) will be sponsoring a vegan/vegetarian potluck right after church services on **Sunday, April 14th**. If you haven't signed up but would like to attend, please email [Bobbie Hodson](#). Rip Jackson will talk with us at the potluck about his experiences being vegan.



UU Ministry for Earth



UU Ministry for Earth's 2019 *Spring for Change: a Season of Sacred Activism* features a special collection of worship resources by Stephen Shick. These poems, prayers and meditations are presented to help sustain your work for climate justice and [can be found here](#).



In observance of Patriots' Day, the office will be closed on **Monday, April 15th**.

Patriots' Day Event at First Parish

First Parish will open our front doors on Patriots' Day, **Monday, April 15th at noon** when Lexington Minute Man Dan Fenn will share the story of what *really* happened on April 19, 1775.

Free and open to the public.



Upcoming Events at UU Organizations

On **Wednesday, April 17th**, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Honduran human rights advocate and UUSC partner, Father Ismael "Melo" Moreno, S.J., will visit the Boston area for a special speaking engagement on the political and social crisis in Honduras.

Understanding the Crisis Beyond the Border: A Conversation with Father Ismael "Melo" Moreno

First Parish in Brookline
382 Walnut Street

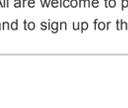
Sponsored by the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**

The **UU Urban Ministry** invites you to a special historical tour of the John Eliot Square neighborhood in Roxbury on **Saturday, April 27th at 2:00pm**. Join UUUM's Roxbury Youth Program tour guides to learn about the rich history of the First Church in Roxbury and surrounding area. To sign up, go to [bit.ly/UUUMSpringTours](#)

Registration is now open for **General Assembly**, the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, which will take place in Spokane, Washington, **June 19 - 23**. Want to be a delegate for First Parish while having fun with thousands of UUs? [Email Jane Foley](#) in the office for more information.

[Click here for registration information.](#)

Frontiers of Cosmology: Mapping the Universe



First Parish welcomes Dr. Daniel Eisenstein, Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University, to discuss current topics in cosmology from a theoretical and experimental perspective.

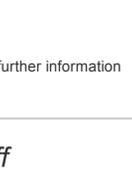
Thursday, April 18th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. All ages welcome. Free admission. Contact [Don Yansen](#).

What We Choose:

Ethics for Unitarian Universalists

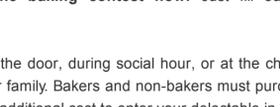
Please join Rev. Anne for this 4-session ethics course on the Thursday evenings of **April 25, May 2, May 9, and May 16 from 7 - 8:30 pm**.

- Session 1: recap of our first four classes
- Session 2: Natural, Legal, and Human Rights
- Session 3: The Story of Our Lives: Narrative Ethics
- Session 4: Relational Ethics



All are welcome to participate even if you didn't attend the fall sessions. For further information and to sign up for the course, contact [Dave Horton](#).

The Great First Parish Bake-Off



SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 2:00-5:00 pm
BAKING CONTEST FOR ALL AGES

plus games, raffles, food, craft beer, and artisan and jewelry tables

The first ever First Parish Bake Off is coming! Desserts of all kinds: to bring, to taste, to buy. Whip up your favorite delight and enter it into the contest. Tastings for all; judging by some; prizes for all kids and best in show for each category. Bake Off entrants can be children, adults, and child/adult teams. **You can enter the baking contest now!** Just fill out the [entry form](#) or email bakeoff@fplex.org

Tickets will be available at the door, during social hour, or at the church office -- \$10 per child, \$20 per adult, \$60 max per family. Bakers and non-bakers must purchase tickets for the event. If you are baking, there is no additional cost to enter your delectable in the competition.

For more information, visit the [Bake Off website](#) or email bakeoff@fplex.org.

Jewelry Sale!

Bring your jewels for a good cause! As was done in the past, donations will be accepted during social hour or when the office is open during the week (M-Th, 9-4). Precious items will be separate and offered at market value or whatever donor wishes. Bargains and higher end items will be available...let's make this a great sale! The Jewelry Team: Carolyn, Linda, Mary, Ann, Lee, Meg, and Mouna

Boutique!

A NEW addition will be a boutique featuring crafts made by our many skilled FP artisans. **To all crafters:** needle workers, beaders, 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 for more information or to let her know what you would like to donate.

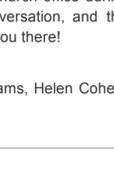
If you have been saving items to donate to Mayfair, please consider donating to these two organizations that accept a wide variety of donations:

[Household Goods](#) in Acton and [Restoration Project](#) in Belmont.

Voices on the Green - My Best Mistake

The jazz trumpeter Miles Davis said: "If you hit a wrong note, it's the next note that you play that determines if it's good or bad."

Come hear local storytellers relate some good things that can happen after a mistake at the next Voices on the Green, **Friday, May 10th**. Rip Jackson and the Children's Choir of First Parish will sing songs on the theme, and Chris Hess will host.



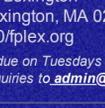
Tickets are available [online here](#), after the next four church services, in the church office during the week, and at the door. Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation, and the program for people of all ages starts at 7:00 in the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

—the VOG committee

David Rose, Regie O'Hare Gibson, Deb Lapides, Anne Khudari, Suzanne Adams, Helen Cohen, and Lisa Maria Steinberg.

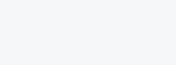
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Wednesday, April 10th		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy of Lexington	4:00 p.m.	Staples Hall
LYFS Parent Group meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Thursday, April 11th		
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Lexington PFLAG	7:30 p.m.	Common Room
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Friday, April 12th		
LexRAP Dinner Prep	12:00 p.m.	Kitchen
LYFS Executive Team Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Green Room
Lex Pride teen drop-in	5:00 p.m.	Green Room
ABCL Movie Night	6:30 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Green Forum – Prof. Gib Metcalf	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 13th		
LexRAP Dinner	12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Parlor
Sunday, April 14th		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Children's Choir Rehearsal	11:45 a.m.	Yellow Room
Vegetarian/Vegan Potluck	12:00 p.m.	Parker Hall
Germany Rehearsal	1:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Monday, April 15th		
Office Closed		
Dan Fenn Patriots' Day Talk	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 16th		
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Wednesday, April 17th		
Eighty-plus luncheon	12:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Creative Callings	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall



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