



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, January 26th 2021

## The Magic of Imagination



**UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Jan 31st**

Have the tales of The Arabian Nights bewitched you? Do you remember flying carpets and magical genies? How have these stories helped us navigate the realms of Islam and Christianity? Come, with your imagination ready, to explore.

**Livestream:** [YouTube.com/C/FPLexington](https://www.youtube.com/C/FPLexington)

**MUSIC:** Our bass soloist David Meharry will sing Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley's dreamy and passionate "Pure Imagination" (from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory). Ewan Jobling, a member of the First Parish Children's Choir, will sing Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg's iconic song "Over the Rainbow" (from The Wizard of Oz). For the centering music Rip Jackson will play a piano arrangement of Eva Cassidy's poignant "Rainbow." And for the centering music, he will play a piano arrangement of the solstice chant "Children of the Earth."



**Soul Matters**  
SHARING CIRCLE

Jan Theme: Imagination

*"Because," explained Mary Rommely simply, "the child must have a valuable thing which is called imagination. The child must have a secret world in which live things that never were. It is necessary that she believe. She must start out by believing in things not of this world. Then when the world becomes too ugly for living in, the child can reach back and live in her imagination. I, myself, even in this day and at my age, have great need of recalling the miraculous lives of the Saints and the great miracles that have come to pass on earth. Only by having these things in my mind can I live beyond what I have to live for."*

— Betty Smith,  
[A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)



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2018 SHYG  
Service Learning  
Group and Advisors



**TODAY: SHYG 2018 Service Learning Group @ 4 PM**

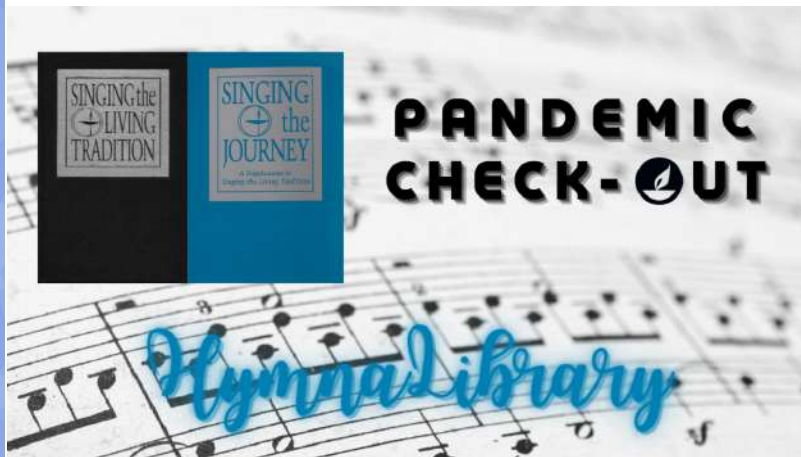
Join First Parish members and friends from our 2018 Service Learning Trip to **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** in conversation to hear in depth about our community's learning and engagement on that trip. See photos, read journal entries and reflections from **Ben Soule, Thomas Klebe, Jordan O'Hare Gibson, and Jeremy Whitman-Kinghorn** before the event if you like. Come with your questions and wonderings!

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Link to [Journal](#)

For ZOOM link email: [DRE@FPLex.org](mailto:DRE@FPLex.org)

Questions? Contact [Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg](#)



**Take a Hymnal Home With You**

How does attending ZOOM Worship with our UU Hymnals sound? **FPLex Hymnals** are available for purchase if you want to own a set or for "**Pandemic Check-Out**" if you want to borrow a set!

To **PURCHASE**, the price is **\$54** for the set of 2 books (*Grey and Teal*). This is the same cost the Parish would pay.

To **BORROW** a set, just sign out a pair with the promise to return them to the Parish when we are able to worship in the building again.

Fill out this [FORM here!](#)  
Curbside pick-up available at FPLex



**Collection Plate**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the **Share the Plate** on **Sun, Jan 17th**. This month's beneficiary is the **Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry**. Together, we raised **\$2,000** for the **UUUM!**

- Tom Rich, Treasurer

**Virtual Event A**



As part of their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Series, the **Town of Lexington's Human Services Department** presents

**The Psychological Consequences of Racism in the Black Community**

Wed, Jan 27 @6:30-8:00 PM  
[REGISTER](#) to get ZOOM link

**Virtual Event B**



Questions? Contact Pratik Mamtara, Parish Admin at: [Admin@FPLex.org](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org).



Discovery Museum 2021 Speaker Series presents

**Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**,  
President Emerita, Spelman  
College and **Tiziana  
Dearing**, Host of WBUR's  
Radio Boston

**Talking to Kids about Race  
and Racism**  
Wed, Jan 27th  
@ 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
[Register Now](#) for ZOOM link

Dr. Tatum is the President  
Emerita of Spelman  
College. Cost: FREE with  
pre-registration; \$5  
suggested donation  
appreciated.



**Last CHANCE: Do NOT  
Snooze!**

**Governor Baker** vetoed last session's Climate Bill, which also meant that the Environmental Justice provision **did NOT become state law**. On Wednesday Senator Barrett and Rep Golden refiled the bill without changes. The Mass Power Forward Coalition, of which UU Mass Action is a member, would like to see it re-passed by **Fri, Jan 29th**. [Read more about the bill here](#).

**Opposition Report:** See Professor **Tim Roberts**, Brown University [Press Release](#) and [Full Report](#)

**Take Action NOW:** Let your [State Legislators](#) know you want this important bill passed without delay.

The UU Urban Ministry presents:

## Community Conversations



**What's Happening to Roxbury: A  
Conversation on Gentrification  
and Displacement**

featuring Roxbury native and life-  
long resident Marisa Luse

Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
6 - 7:30 pm

Lecture and Facilitated Q&A

Join the Meeting: [bit.ly/UUUMccJan](https://bit.ly/UUUMccJan)

Call-in details available at [uuum.org](http://uuum.org)

This event is online only.

Special thanks to Fallen Community Church  
and First Parish in Lexington



**\*\* UU Urban Ministry: FPLex & Follen \*\***

Join us for this compelling conversation, featuring  
Roxbury native and life-long resident **Marisa Luse**.

Special thanks to **First Parish in Lexington** and **Follen  
Community Church** for co-sponsoring this  
conversation.

**Tue, Jan 26th 6:00-7:30 PM**  
[Join via ZOOM](#)  
**Meeting ID: 896 1283 1669**

Join us for a new (digital) spin on our history and justice  
lecture and panel series! Community Conversations  
are hosted on Tuesdays (dates below) from 6 to 7:30,  
and include time for a facilitated Q&A period.

## PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

**Election & Inauguration Have Passed**

We are entering a new era. We can be proud of the  
work we did over many months, at the same time, our  
democracy **narrowly escaped** its undoing. As we  
know, the past 4 years and the insurrection this month  
revealed just how very **fragile** our democracy is.

Join us as we reconvene to discuss where we want to  
go from here. Much remains that we can choose to  
do to strengthen our democracy: voting rights,  
gerrymandering, disinformation, and figuring out what  
we can do, as a community and in our individual lives,

to bridge the deep divides across the country. It's even not too soon to begin thinking about the **2022 election!**

**Wed, Feb 3rd, @ 4:00 PM**  
For **ZOOM** link email facilitators below

Bring your ideas, your passion, your questions so we can brainstorm together. One idea emerging from this past Sunday's service: to pursue dialogue across the divide with a non-profit group, **Braver Angels**. Joining us will be our own **Michelle Olson**, political activist extraordinaire. In case you missed Michelle Olson's compelling **personal testimony** at Sunday's service, **HERE it is**. We urge you to watch as she discusses what is facing the country now. Do come to talk together. All are welcome.

**Questions?** Contact: **Debbie Armstrong**, **Marty Kvaal**, or **Michelle Olson**.

State House News [Article](#)  
[www.MALegislature.gov/Bills](http://www.MALegislature.gov/Bills)



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