



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, February 23rd 2021

Pledge letters are getting emailed in the middle of February. By making a generous pledge we will be celebrating the covenant we have with each other to fund our values-based work. By making our pledge before our special service on March 14th, we are showing gratitude to our Board and Finance team for the time they invest in careful planning to create our upcoming budget.



STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2021: Giving Actualizes Our Values

Many questions are answered in our [Pledge FAQ](#).

There are **NO PLEDGE CARDS** to mail. Just use this link to make your pledge in [ONLINE!](#)

Got questions or comments? Contact the **Stewardship Planning Team** by sending email to Stewardship@FPLex.org.



The **plate collection** for this coming Sunday will be for **WATCH** in Waltham. WATCH, a long time partner with First Parish, supports a diverse new immigrant community in

UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Feb 28th

Rev. Anne Mason welcomes Daria Gere, Executive Director of the Waltham Alliance for Teaching, Community Organizing and Housing as we learn about how our neighbors have been faring. Special collection plate to benefit www.WatchCDC.org.

LIVE Streaming [YouTube](#) OR [Facebook](#)

MUSIC: This Sunday, all of the music for worship comes from an original work written by Rip Jackson entitled *The Beatitudes: A Journey of Compassion, Justice and Love Triumphant*. Written in 2010 in collaboration with choreographer Maris Wolff and lyricist Jan Asch, this work expresses the powerful message of justice contained in Jesus' Beatitudes and illustrates how love and compassion can heal some of the many ills of modern-day society. Chelsea Cannon will sing the passionate ballad "Nobody Seems to Care" about a homeless woman who feels forgotten by the world. The lyrics focus on economic justice and the need for more altruism in the world. Rip Jackson will sing his ethereal song "The Good Samaritan" based on Jesus' powerful parable. He will also play other instrumental music from "The Beatitudes" for the offertory, centering music and postlude.

Waltham in terms of housing, ESL classes and food insecurity. Members of First Parish serve as volunteers at WATCH. A panel of folks from WATCH will be discussing their work during the Sunday service.



Soul Matters

SHARING CIRCLE

February Theme:
Beloved Community

"If man is to survive, he will have learned to take a delight in the essential differences between men and between cultures. He will learn that differences in ideas and attitudes are a delight, part of life's exciting variety, not something to fear."

- Gene Roddenberry



Green Action Corner

Did you know that the world dumps a **GARBAGE TRUCK** load's worth of Plastic into our oceans every **MINUTE**?

Ways for Ocean Preservation:

- Use your own shopping bags
- Buy whole fruit instead of cut up fruit

Out of the Ashes
CHARITY FUNDRAISER

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Tue, Feb 23rd
@ 7:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Terrilyn Curry Avery
Pastor of MLK church

The Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association (LICA) fundraiser for the MLK Jr. Presbyterian Church of Springfield MA to help them recover from arson.

Join for LICA Fundraiser TONIGHT

Connect with us as we support the **MLK Presbyterian Church**, a historically African American church in Springfield MA. Help them rebuild after the devastation of arson. **Rev. Anne** and **Rip Jackson** will anchor this event.

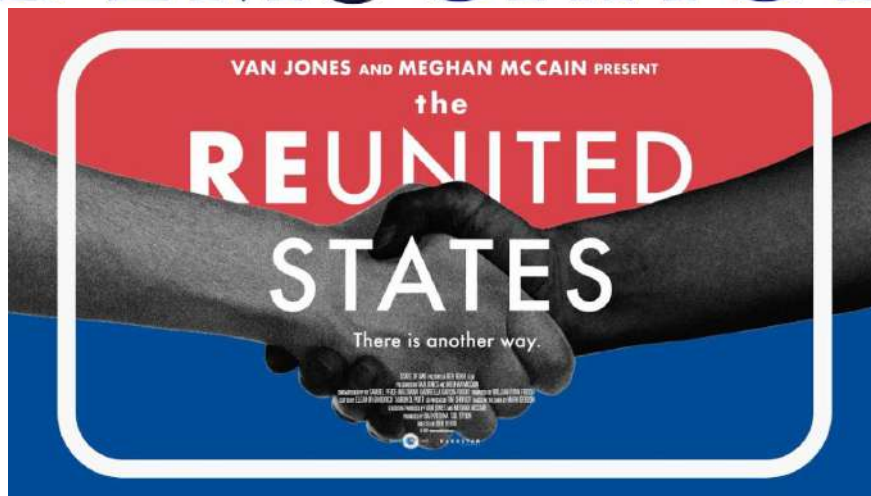
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To attend [REGISTER](#)
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Our beloved poet, **Regie O'Hare Gibson**, will deliver his new poem, An Open Letter to Dr. King. You will not want to miss this powerful piece! Also participating will

be Lexington Interfaith leaders and clergy from the MA Council of Churches.

PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY



Save The Date: Movie Night Sat, Mar 13th

A recently released documentary, "**The Reunited States**", follows four everyday heroes on the difficult journey of bridging our political divide. Presented by **Megan McCain** and CNN's **Van Jones**, it urges audiences to consider their role in polarization - whether we are part of the problem or part of the solution. Here's the [trailer](#)!

The full 90-minute film will be available for First Parish members to view together on **Saturday, March 13th, 7:00 - 8:30**. An hour-long discussion will follow from 8:30 - 9:30 led by members of the '**Preserving Our Democracy**' team at First Parish.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are unable to attend the March 13th event, "The Reunited States" also is available to watch beforehand (and then perhaps join the 8:30-9:30 discussion period). It's available on-demand through Amazon Prime, xfinity, Fios, Apple TV, etc with this [LINK](#)!

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- in plastic containers
- Buy oil, vinegar, condiments in glass container
- Buy eggs and milk at a local farm, where you can reuse your own egg cartons and glass bottles
- Make your own hummus from chickpeas, instead of buying in plastic containers. It's DELICIOUS!!

Please let us know what you decided to do to help our earth. Send us a photo or some words — We'll gladly include them!

Contact Us:

[Debbie Fortin](#) OR [Bobbie Hodson](#)



FREE Lawn Sign

Yes, they are free! To anyone willing to display one. Order Your Free "**Reject Racism**" Sign from Susanna by **Friday, February 26th!**

Email [Susanna Whitman](#), only, by Friday, February 26th, at and specify if you prefer **single-sided printing**, or **double-sided printing**. They will be ready by the second week of March for pick up at Susanna's house

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in Lexington. If you have physical difficulty picking them up, let Susanna know and you can work out an alternative. However, she is unable to deliver to everyone, as she has a day job.

JESSE WEGMAN

Member of *The New York Times* editorial board, where he has written about the Supreme Court and legal affairs since 2013
Author of *Let The People Pick The President*



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PETER FENN

A political & public affairs strategist, consultant, and television commentator
Founder of **Fenn Communications Group**
Son of Dan Fenn, beloved longtime FPLex member



HOWE LECTURE

This presentation is made possible by the Elizabeth Howe Lecture Fund, established by her family to provide for lectures on topics of current interest. Elizabeth Howe was a long-time resident and contributor to the Town of Lexington and a beloved member of FPLex.

A Conversation Between New York Times Writer Jesse Wegman and Political Analyst Peter Fenn

SHOULD THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CHOOSE THE PRESIDENT?



Thursday, March 4th 2021 @ 7:00 PM ET

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