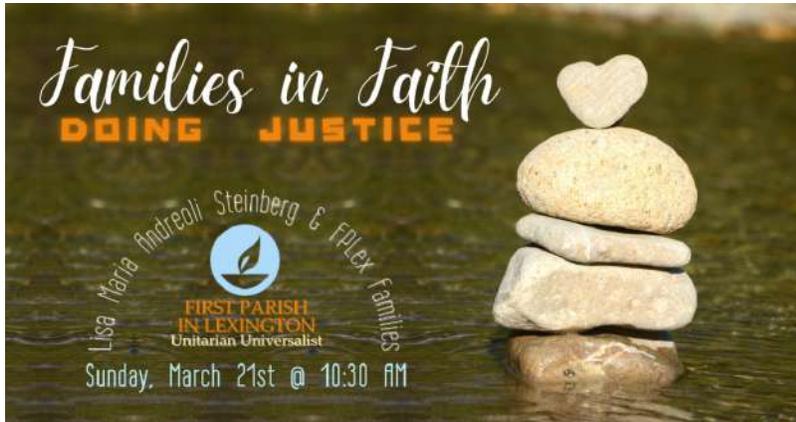




FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, March 16th 2021



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Mar 21st

The five smooth stones of **James Luther Adams'** liberal faith remind us that to be Unitarian Universalist means to do the work of justice. Hear from **First Parish families** how they make a commitment to justice and consider what calls us all to make a commitment to make change in the world. Worship service led by **Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg**, Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry.

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

**Music:** Children's choir member **Rosie MacClary** will sing Andra Day's powerful song "Rise Up." **Tim Jacoby** will sing Pete Seeger's inspirational and iconic "Turn, Turn, Turn." For the Centering music, **Rip Jackson** will play Franz Schubert's lyrical "Andante" (from *Piano Sonata in A Major, D 664*). And for the postlude, he will play excerpts from George Gershwin's spectacular "Rhapsody in Blue."



Family Chapel This Week: Henry Thoreau



Soul Matters  
SHARING CIRCLE

March Theme:  
Commitment

*"There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstance permit. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."*

- Art Turock



One Hour Volunteer

Do you **miss the church building**? Would you like to **make a difference**?

Our office admin has a mass snail mail that will be going out this week. Could you come in for an hour & help? [Admin@FPLex.org](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org)

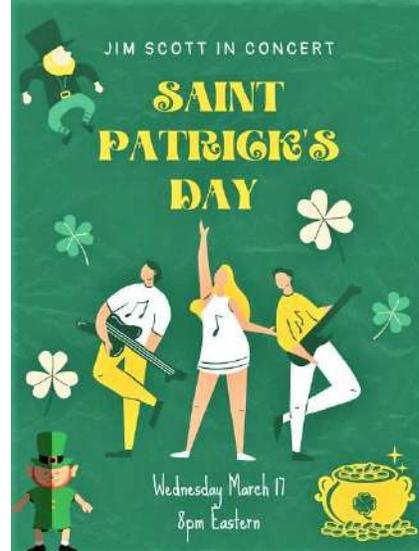
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Catch the latest episode of DRE FM Radio! Gather the family around- kids, teens, parents, special grown ups, elders - to watch our Family Chapel series from our **Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry** (DRE FM!)

**Who is Henry Thoreau? Enjoy hearing of Henry for the first time or the 100th time- and then get out into nature and feel your spirit soar!**

You can **watch this week's episode** on [YouTube](#) or listen on [Soundcloud](#)!

**Yours in Faith & Fellowship, Lisa Maria**



## Musical Invitation

**Dear Friends,**

*"May your troubles be less,  
your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness  
come through your door."  
An old Irish blessing - there  
are many of them.*

*Since his death in the 5th  
Century, we've celebrated  
St. Patrick's life and work.  
Though not officially  
canonized, he's known  
around the world.  
American celebrations  
were a response to  
discrimination. Irish  
immigrants threw big  
parties to celebrate  
identity and heritage.*

**Wed, Mar 17th @ 8:00 PM**  
[Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

*I don't have a big  
repertoire of Irish songs, but  
a few, and some of my  
songs are Celtic flavored.*

*Even though my name is  
Scott, I'll not be wearing  
orange. Perhaps white,  
that's between the green  
and orange on the Irish  
Flag, symbolizing peace.*

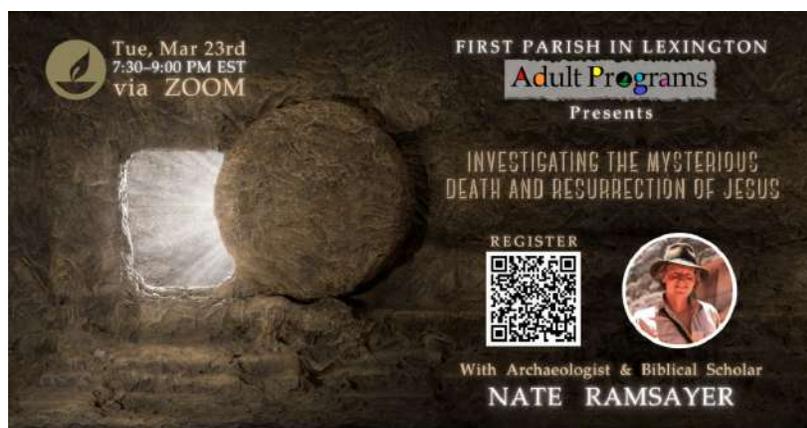
*Let's sing of the history.  
**Peace,**  
Jim*

# Adult Programs

**Registration OPEN now!**

**Archeological Explorations:** Join biblical scholar and archaeologist **Nate Ramsayer** on Tuesdays!

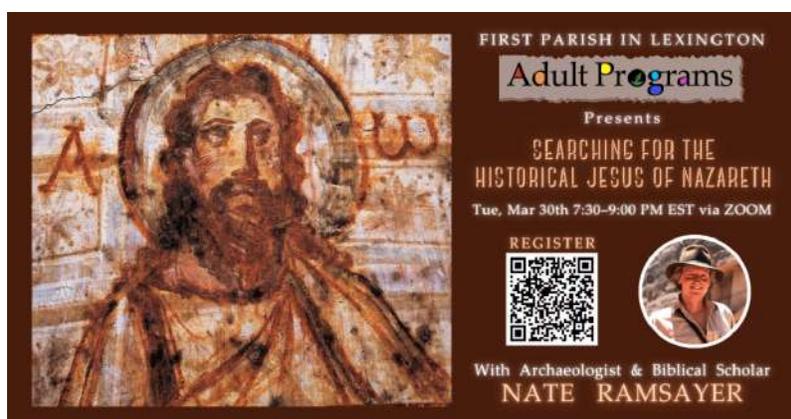
Click on the **IMAGES** or **Links** below to **REGISTER!**



Why are the Gospels so dramatically different in how they tell the details of the Easter story? If Easter Sunday comes only two days after Good Friday, and Jesus' body was gone before sunrise, how could Jesus have been "raised on the third day"? Who was present at the tomb—was Jesus himself there? Why was the ending of the Gospel of Mark changed long after it was written?

**Register Mar 23rd @ 7:30–9:00 PM EST: Investigating the Mysterious Death and Resurrection of Jesus**

If you read the resurrection narratives in their entirety, you'll find they are full of contradictory information. Join biblical scholar and archaeologist Nate Ramsayer on Tuesday, March 23 from 7:30–9:00 PM EST as he leads First Parish Lexington members via Zoom through an introduction to the biblical story, and a guided tour of how historians make sense of its conflicting details. **This lecture is FREE and open to the public; no background is necessary!** Come learn about some of the foundational theories of New Testament study!



## Movie Discussion

*The first follow-up meeting  
for the movie, "The  
Reunited States", will be this  
Thursday, March 18, 7:30-*

Did Jesus of Nazareth really exist? Is there any archaeological evidence of this man? What kind of light can other ancient textual sources outside of the Bible shed on this topic?

[Register Mar 30th](#) @ 7:30–9:00 PM EST  
**Searching for the Historical Jesus of Nazareth**

Join biblical scholar and archaeologist Nate Ramsayer again on Tuesday, March 30 from 7:30–9:00 PM EST for a follow up (independent) Zoom lecture, as he evaluates all of the material and textual evidence we have available concerning one of the most captivating subjects in biblical studies—the search for the historical figure of Jesus!



**8th Principle Proposal**

*STAY* after worship to learn more about the 8th PRINCIPLE proposal for adoption at First Parish. This is our Last Forum prior to our big weekend on April 24-25.

**Sun, Mar 21st @ 11:30 AM**

RJT would also like to remind everyone to [REGISTER](#) for the **8th Principle Workshop** with co-founder Paula Cole Jones on Sat, Apr 24th, as preparation for our congregational vote in June 2021.

**Susanna Whitman, Elisabeth Jas, David Horton, and Katie O'Hare Gibson** will lead this month's forum, providing important messages about WHY, and, importantly, Why NOW is the Time! for this principle's adoption at First Parish during this 45 minute program.

Learn more about the 8th Principle [HERE](#) and register for [Apr 24th Workshop](#).

Questions? Contact [JoAnn Mulready-Shick](#), Racial Justice Team member

8:30. **All are welcome**, even if you haven't had a chance to view the film.

The primary focus of Thursday's meeting will be discussing our 'next steps' to explore ways to build bridges with those we disagree with and to set agendas for the upcoming meetings

**Thursdays**  
Mar 18th  
Mar 25th  
Apr 1st  
Apr 8th

**From 7:30-8:30 PM**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Several on the planning team have been involved with **Braver Angels**, a nationwide organization established after the 2016 election which explores ways to help depolarize differences between red and blue Americans. Their [website](#) holds excellent background information as well as a comprehensive list of online debates and workshops.

**Missed the movie? "The Reunited States"** is also available on-demand through Amazon Prime, xfinity, Fios, Apple TV, etc with a link [HERE](#).

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