



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, March 23rd 2021



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Mar 21st

Rooted in **Hindu** mythology, Holi celebrates the triumph of good over evil, the arrival of spring, the passing of winter, the beginning of a good harvest season, and the blossoming of love. The **first evening** is known as **Holika Dahan** (burning of demon *Holika*). The **second day** is to play, laugh, forgive, let bygones be bygones and rejoice in relationships.

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

Music: We welcome musician **Nirmal Chandraratna** and children's choir member **Sarah Beuttell**. Sarah will sing George Weiss and Bob Thiele's inspirational "What a Wonderful World." Nirmal Chandraratna will sing beautiful Hindu mantras and also play his cello for the service. **Rip Jackson** will sing Billy Steinberg/Tom Kelly's 80's Cyndi Lauper song "True Colors" and also Sheila Chandra's mystical chant "Sacred Stones."

Guest Artist: **Nirmal Chandraratna** was born to **Sri Lankan** parents in Rochester, New York. He found his passion in music composition and received his Masters in Music in 1998 from San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In 2010, Nirmal discovered **Kirtan**, a call-and-response practice of singing mantra, and fell in love with *Kirtan's* intentionality and immersive nature. He

Anti-Asian Violence

The **UUA** joins leaders across the country in decrying the recent surge of hate crimes against Asians and Asian Americans. **We affirm the interconnectedness of Black and Asian communities** and all people who are against hatred. Read [FULL statement](#) here!



Soul Matters

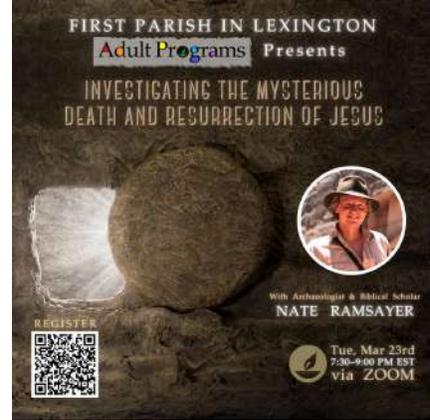
SHARING CIRCLE

March Theme: Commitment

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness."

— **William Hutchison Murray**

began studying **Sanskrit**, Eastern philosophy and mantra, and has been leading *Kirtan* ever since. *Kirtan* and mantra have influenced his other compositions in his desire to continue to include the audience into a musical experience in an intentional manner. He also offers guided meditations on the chakras, Sound Journeys, live music for yoga classes, among other creative offerings. For more info please visit www.NirmalC.com.



This is TONIGHT!

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!



Family Chapel: A Holi Conversation

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!)**

Lisa Maria welcomes siblings Pratik Mamtora and Ami Thakkar to DREFM Radio to learn about the Hindu celebration of Holi. Join us in worship on Zoom, YouTube, or Facebook Live on March 28th for a First Parish celebration of Holi.

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

Yours in Faith & Fellowship, Lisa Maria

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Dr. Angela Cook and The Rev. Joseph Cook

The History of Paige Academy and a Culturally Responsive Education



Tuesday, March 23 • 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Join us for this virtual event
at www.uuum.org!



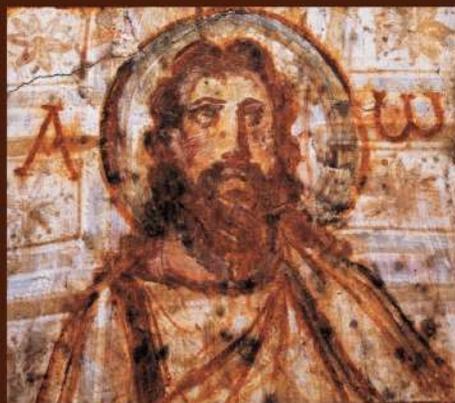
For more than 50 years, Dr. and Rev. Cook have ensured their innovative school in Roxbury provides stellar education to a diverse student body.

This event is sponsored by the family of Lew Counts in honor of his commitment to equity in education.

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Adult Programs

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Adult Programs

Presents

SEARCHING FOR THE
HISTORICAL JESUS OF NAZARETH

Tue, Mar 30th 7:30-9:00 PM EST via ZOOM

REGISTER



With Archaeologist & Biblical Scholar
NATE RAMSAYER

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!



Movie Discussion

At last week's gathering, **Building Bridges** discussed some individual goals: to become more self-aware of one's own opinions and how these impact conversation with both same-minded and differently-minded people, as well as to learn tools to speak with those with whom one might either agree or disagree.

Thursdays

Mar 25th, Apr 1st & 8th

From 7:30-8:30 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

A ZOOM participant who found **Pratik's notice** on [Facebook](#) joined from a very conservative town in Ohio to describe **striking contrasts to Lexington**.

This Thu we will focus on sharing our experiences and ideas after visiting several websites which will support our journey, individually and as a congregation.

Please consider reading about [Braver Angels](#) and [Essential Partners](#), then join us on Thursday evening for a meaningful discussion.



Earth Day Worship 4/18



First Parish's own **Rev. Cindy Davidson** will be our worship speaker at this year's Earth Day Sunday service. Cindy is the Chair of our national UU Ministry for Earth. Come and celebrate our congregational commitment to faithfully respond to the Climate Emergency we declared last year.

The Artful Brain-4 Part Series with David Rose

Whether you are listening to music or composing it, viewing a painting or designing it, eating a gourmet meal or cooking it, your brain is seeking beauty, constructing art. The drive to create and experience art—with little apparent survival benefit for the species — is one of the most distinctive things about humans: there are no known cultures where art and music and artful cooking are not central to the fabric of the culture itself.

Tuesdays @ 4:00 - 5:15 PM
April 6, 20, 27 & May 4
REGISTER to receive ZOOM link

In these four sessions we will explore how our brains create beauty from mere patterns of sounds and silence, color and shape, taste and smell. In particular, we will explore a few iconic objects of art—e.g., Beethoven's Eroica, DaVinci's Mona Lisa—examining what we know about how and why our brains are attracted to them especially. Along the way we will explore whether the brain creates beauty in the same way across different media, across different individuals, and across different cultures.

Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth

Climate Action Team Meeting Tuesday April 23, 7:30- 9:00 PM

Join us as we plan our spring actions. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

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