



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, April 6th 2021



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Apr 11th

What have you been able to plant during this Pandemic? What are you hoping to watch blossom? This has been such a time of pulling back and pulling away – is it time to lean in, to lean forward, and to tend the promise of the seeds you have already planted? Worship service led by our minister, **Rev. Anne Mason**.

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

Music: Our tenor soloist **Nate Ramsayer** will sing Andrew Lloyd Webber's inspirational "Love Changes Everything" (from *Aspects of Love*) and Joni Mitchell's heart-felt and iconic song "Both Sides Now." Guest pianist **Sarah Hager** will play Jean Sibelius's lyrical "The Iris, Op. 85, No. 3" and "The Snapdragon, Op. 85 No. 4" (from *Five Pieces for Piano, Op. 85*). She will also play her own arrangement of George Harrison's joyful song "Here Comes the Sun."

Adult Programs



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

April Theme: Becoming

"You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

— **Margery Williams Bianco**,
[The Velveteen Rabbit](#)



Pastoral Porch Visits



STARTS TODAY: *The Artful Brain*

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 - 5:30 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.



UU Mass Action Advocacy Day

Let's fill the MA Legislative Chamber with UU values. Never lobbied before? Now is the time. Have experience? Now is the time to share. First Parish's Racial Justice Team, Preserving Our Democracy Team, and Climate Action Team invite you to join them at

April 13

Rev. Anne is fully vaccinated. She is looking forward to making pastoral calls - in person! If you would like Rev. Anne to **come by your house, to visit on your porch or in your garden**, please feel free to make an appointment.

She will try to limit the number of visits per day, so as to limit any possible contagion, and we will all continue to **observe social distancing**.

Email: Minister@FPLex.org

It has been such a long time since we have been able to be in each other's presence - it will feel like such a gift to be able to be together.



12th Season OPEN

*Spring has really arrived when the **Lexington Interfaith Garden** opens for the season on the property adjoining the church. And we are opening for our 12th season of growing organic produce for Lexington's Interfaith Pantry. **First Parish** is one of a dozen faith communities to work the Garden. We invite you to come join us - no experience necessary. And you can sign up for just one shift to try us out. We are following COVID procedures to help ensure safe gardening. We have fun; we meet new people; and we help meet the Pantry's urgent need for produce. Since COVID,*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Deadline to Register TODAY: April 6

Statewide Zoom gathering at 11:00-12:00, meetings with legislators in the afternoon. Representatives @1:00, Senators @ 2:30 PM. Some meetings times may vary. UU Mass Action will train you and set up virtual appointments with your Senator and Representative. You will not be alone. Join one of two optional training opportunities to help you prepare for UU Advocacy Day:

[Wed, Apr 7th @ 6:00pm - 7:30 PM](#)

OR

[Thu, Apr 8th @ 1:00pm - 2:30 PM](#)

Let's put our faith into action as we fight for Immigrant Justice, Climate & Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, Indigenous Justice and Decarceration & Ending Solitary Confinement. [PDF Doc with more info.](#)

more families than ever, now around 100-110 households including 200 - 300 people, regularly come to the pantry each week, and the Pantry is having to spend around \$1000 weekly for produce. **The need is great!** We hope to see you! Contact [Cherie Noe](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#).



MEETING: Thu, Apr 8th

Join us for our monthly **Racial Justice Team** meeting Thu, Apr 8th @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM. ALL are WELCOME! Discussion will include the 8th Principle and Paula Cole Jones Workshop April 24, Book Reads: *The Sum of Us* and *Breathe*, and more!

Join via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 952 3700 6379 Or call in (646) 876 -9923 Questions? Email [JoAnn Mulready-Shick](#).

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