



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, March 30th 2021



**UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Mar 21st**

The message of Easter gives us courage to rise up, to hope, and to look at the world with faith. Come and celebrate with us today as we rejoice in the message, ancient but newly relevant, that life, joy, and community are possible for us all. Our minister, **Rev. Anne Mason** will be leading the worship service LIVE from **our Sanctuary!**

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

**Music:** On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Easter message with festive music for brass, organ, choir and soloists. **The Sanctuary Choir** will sing Vermont composer Gwyneth Walker's deeply moving "Hymn of Resurrection" accompanied by brass trio and organ with video by **Chris Hess**. For the offertory, **Elizabeth Walsh** will sing Jim Scott's ethereal arrangement of "Rising Green." For the centering music **Don Clough** (trumpet), **Greg Gettel** (trumpet), **Erik Svensen** (horn) and **Rip Jackson** (organ) will play Rip's arrangement of Johann Sebastian Bach's beautiful "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (from Cantata 147 *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*, BWV 147). For the postlude, they will play renaissance composer Volckmar Leisring's energetic "Easter Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes." And for the offertory, Rip and his cousin **Kelly Clark** will sing a duet version of Sarah Flower Adams's "Nearer My God to Thee."



Soul Matters  
SHARING CIRCLE

March Theme:  
Commitment

*"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."*

— Vince Lombardi



Plate Update

With your generous contributions we raised a total collection of **\$1,315** for the **Lexington Food Pantry**.

With much appreciation,  
**Carolyn Fleiss**



## 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

**UU Mass Action Advocacy Day**  
**April 13**  
[REGISTER HERE](#)  
**Deadline to Register: 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:

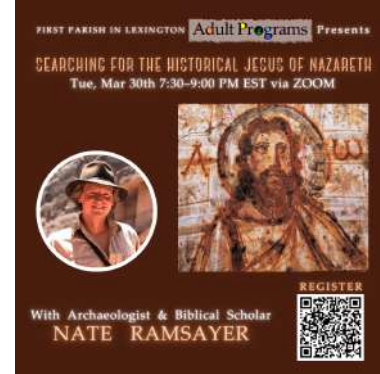
[Wed, Apr 7th @ 6:00pm - 7:30 PM](#)  
OR  
[Thu, Apr 8th @ 1:00pm - 2:30 PM](#)

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.](#)

# Adult Programs



**The Artful Brain-4 Part Series with David Rose**



**This is TONIGHT!**

*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?*

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

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*

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.

whom one might either agree or disagree.

**Thursdays**  
**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.



### **Pastoral Porch Visits**

**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](mailto: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.