

First Parish in Cambridge – April 21, 2019
Easter/ Earth Day - Are We Satisfied? Is This Enough?
Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer

Welcome to First Parish!

First Parish in Cambridge is a multi-faith, spirit-filled congregation devoted to love and justice. We are moving joyfully into a multiracial, multicultural, justice-making future. We embrace all ages, races, classes, abilities, sexual orientations, gender presentations, and ethnic and religious backgrounds. Honoring all the faith traditions of the world, we support each person's path to wisdom and spiritual growth. Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life, we welcome you into our hearts.

If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and leave it in the collection plate. We'll sign you up for our weekly e-mail announcements and monthly newsletter.

All are welcome to join us in Helverson Parlor following the service for refreshments.

For those attending with children, you are welcome to worship as a family or children ages 4 and under are welcome in our Nursery. An usher can direct you to RE staff. Registration is required.

Participating in the Service

Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, Lead Minister
Rev. Danielle Di Bona, Developmental Minister
Mandy Neff, Director of Religious Education
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
Environmental Justice Task Force

Today's Events

Photography by Dan Wells - Dan Wells' photographs capture the beauty and spirituality of the natural world - from a pilgrimage on the Pacific Crest Trail to views of the Outer Cape beyond the beach season, and around New England and the United States. The images will be on view in the First Parish sanctuary through the month of May.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Over Spring break there are no Religious Education programs. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 28.

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 21

Please join us for our traditional children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Old Burying Ground. The hunt is hosted by our Junior and Senior Youth immediately following the worship service. (Rain location: Barn Room.)

Shared Offering for April

Our recipient for **April** is the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute**: <http://www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org/>. Founded in 1994 by Tina Chery, the mother of Louis D. Brown who was killed in 1993, at age 15, by gun violence, the Institute's mission is to be a center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss. Their principles are those that many of us strive for and believe in: Love, Unity, Faith, Hope, Courage, Justice, and Forgiveness.

In addition to being the Shared Offering recipient for April, the Institute will again sponsor the **Mother's Day Walk for Peace**, and we're hoping many from our congregation will participate.

Upcoming Events - Save These Dates!

Support Harvard Heat Week April 22 - 26

It's been 5 years since First Parish voted to divest our endowment from fossil fuels. Please join the Environmental Justice Task Force in supporting Harvard students' campaign to turn up the heat on Harvard to divest its nearly \$40 billion endowment from the fossil fuel industry and become a responsible climate leader by Earth Day 2020. Events will culminate in a rally in Harvard Yard (between Libraries and Mem church) from 2-5 pm and an interfaith vigil at 8 p.m. **RSVP** to and **share** the Harvard Heat Week event on [Facebook](#). **Visit the Heat Week [website](#)** for more information.

The Environmental Justice Task Force invites you to a talk by State Senator Marc R. Pacheco on **Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 pm** in the Meetinghouse. Senator Pacheco is the founding Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, and is Senate Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE). He initiated, authored and secured passage of the Global Warming Solutions Act, and has been a leading champion for alternative energy and greenhouse gas reduction legislation. The Senator will talk with us about current legislative proposals and strategies for implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act, especially in the environment of the Green New Deal and the climate action urgency highlighted in the latest U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report. He will also discuss how we can best support state legislative proposals for the climate!

Vespers Service – April 25 at 6:00 pm

In the middle of your busy week, are you wanting a time of quiet and peaceful reflection? Please join us for **reflection, prayer, and music in the Chapel on Thursday April 25 at 6:00 pm.**

Questions? Please email Rev. Danielle at ddibona@firstparishcambridge.org

GBIO Health Care Campaign at First Parish!

- Are you or someone close to you struggling to pay for necessary medicines or other health care?
- Have you or someone close to you suffered from mental health problems and not received the help you or they need?

On **April 28th** at 12:15 in the Barn Room, come share your stories and learn about the campaign. Last year Greater Boston Interfaith Organization held hundreds of small group discussions across our 45 congregations, including First Parish, to help plan our agenda for change in 2019. We identified four issues that need action to improve health care in Massachusetts: High Cost of Prescription Drugs; High Out of Pocket Costs; Mental Health Care; Health Care for Immigrant Children. For more information about the event, contact Marcia Hams (marciahams@gmail.com) or Tod Hibbard (hibbard79@gmail.com).

Preemptive Radical Inclusion: Bear Witness Build Community
Please join us in the Chapel following the service on **April 28** for a **12:00pm Light Lunch** and **12:30pm-2:00pm Workshop** with our guest preacher this Sunday, CB Beal M.Div.

In this workshop we will briefly explore the ideas of "preemptive radical inclusion" as a practice to increase justice, we will practice skills and bear witness to one another. CB will hold space within which we explore who we are, both broadly and individually, to continue growth as beloved community, a community of justice, equity, and love.

Child care will be available. If you plan to attend, we'd appreciate knowing ahead (for food estimation), please email Charlene Galarneau at charlene.galarneau@gmail.com by 5:00pm, Friday, April 26. Even without advance notice, you are most welcome on the 28th.

The Environmental Justice Task Force invites you to join us for a book reading with **Stephanie Kaza on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Barn Room.** Stephanie Kaza is a practicing Zen Buddhist and pioneer of Green Buddhist thought. She was a professor and program director of Environmental Studies at the University of Vermont. She currently lives and works in Portland, OR, and is a member of the First UU Church there. She will explore with us challenging issues in climate, sustainability and humanity through her two books - *Green Buddhism: Practice and Compassionate Action in Uncertain Times*; and *Conversations with Trees: An Intimate Ecology*.

Middle East Education Event – May 5

Ministerial Intern Will Williamson will give a talk after church in the chapel on "The Role of Mary Mother of Jesus in Islam." All are welcome. Presented by the Middle East Education Group.

Join The Mother's Day Walk For Peace – May 12, 2019

The [Mother's Day Walk for Peace](#) has been gathering those affected by gun violence and their supporters for 23 years. Join us on Mother's Day, May 12, to demand both an end to this violence and dignity and compassion for all families impacted by murder.

The Mother's Day Walk is also the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's most important fundraising event. We're asking you to invest in community-based solutions to a complex problem. In 2019, our goal is to raise \$400,000 for our critical programs and services. For more information, visit our table during Social Hour.

Join a Group of Parishioners who will be walking. For all the details and to register for (or donate to) our Team, go to <https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/fpcambuu>.

First Parish Retreat

The Retreat Planning Team is asking you to save the date for the First Parish one-day retreat on Saturday, **June 8** to Salisbury Beach State Reservation. On **April 21** and **April 28**, please come to the table at social hour to voice your preferences about the retreat in terms of food, activities, etc. Let us know what you'd like to see. We'll take your suggestions and plan around them.

Get involved!

Do you want to meet more people at First Parish?

A great way to meet people and get involved at First Parish is to **join The Welcome Team Ministry**. Members commit once a month to usher or greet for the hour before church and assist with the collection and other small tasks during the service. Serving on the team allows you to help create a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers. It is a wonderful way to connect with members as well as newcomers. Information is available on the bulletin board in the parlor.

Accompaniment Volunteering

First Parish is a member of the CISC, a coalition of 10 Cambridge-area congregations that is currently hosting a woman and her two children in sanctuary so she can avoid deportation and separation

from her family. “Accompaniment” volunteers are needed seven days a week on-site at a church in Harvard Square. Sometimes volunteer shifts are quiet, and sometimes there is a lot of interaction with the children. We can pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won’t be on your own. Volunteering helps in her long process of fighting to stay in the U.S.

Child Care Volunteering

The CISC childcare team is looking for several new volunteers who can commit to regular monthly outings to ensure that the children (ages 2 and almost 4) are able to spend time outside each day. A simple hour or two of outdoor play means so much in the life of this family we've committed as a coalition to support. Because coverage and consistency are ongoing concerns, we are looking for people who can commit to at least 2 weekday morning or afternoon outings a month.

Please email Rebecca Balder, First Parish’s volunteer coordinator, at BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org to learn more about either of these opportunities.

Groups

Our Elders Group is open and meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2:30 pm in the Chapel. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Danielle at ddibona@firstparishcambridge.org.

The **Young Adult Group (YAG)** is a community for people ages 18-35. YAG meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm upstairs in the Nursery and sometimes meets for food and social events on other occasions. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information visit our website cambridgeyag.org.

Spanish Conversation Group

¿Hablas español? First Parish's **Spanish Conversation Group** meets on first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Baldwin Room. Come join us for informal conversation in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All levels are welcome and no commitment is required! For more information, email spanish@firstparishcambridge.org. ¡Nos vemos pronto!

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is available for you. If you would like a pastoral care phone call or visit please let us know. Our ministers are available to support you. Please contact them directly by phone at 617-528-9838 or email at pastoralcare@firstparishcambridge.org

Safety Reminder

Please remember that the 3 Church Street door is locked beginning at 10:30 on Sunday mornings to help ensure the safety of our space. If you are entering for worship after the door is locked, please use the Mass. Avenue entrance. Accessible entrance is available at 1 Church Street. If you are entering after 10:30 for Religious Education or other programming ring the buzzer at 3 Church Street and someone will let you in.

Events This Week

Please note that Yoga, Music and Art and Cooking Classes are not First Parish programs. They are run by outside instructors and a fee is associated with the classes.

Sunday April 21

- 10:30 am Sunday Worship
- 12:30 pm Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room
- 12:30 pm Youth Group in the Nursery

Monday April 22

- 10:00 am Covenant Group in the Nursery
- 5:00 pm Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room
- 6:30 pm AA in the Parlor
- 6:30 pm Art Class in the Chapel
- 6:30 pm Women Writing Together in the Baldwin Room

Tuesday April 23

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 5:30 pm Tuesday Meals in the Parlor
- 5:30 pm Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room
- 7:00 pm EJTF Event – Senator Mark Pacheco in the Meetinghouse
- 7:00 pm YAG in the Nursery

Wednesday April 24

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Board in the Nursery
- 6:30 pm Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
- 7:00 pm BBSF in the Chapel
- 7:30 pm Interplay in the Barn Room
- 8:00 pm AA in the Parlor

Thursday April 25

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 12:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room
- 4:00 pm UU Pilgrimage All Souls DC in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Vespers in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room

Friday April 26

- All Day Youth Overnight in the Y2Y Space
- 9:00 am Cambridge Minyan in the Barn Room & the Nursery
- 6:00 pm Middle School Family Night in the Chapel

Saturday April 27

- 8:30 am GSA in the Chapel
- 10:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room