



May Worship Services

Sanctuary Services at 11 am unless otherwise noted below

May 7 - Creating a Web – Guest Minister Rev. Katie Lee Crane will explore this month's ministry theme: "Inspiration". Much of the service is autobiographical. – told in poems and stories that have shaped her spiritual life. It is rooted in the principles and sources of our UU tradition.

There will be a Communion Service led by Rev Rebecca in the sanctuary immediately following regular worship. All are welcome.

May 14 - Bodies, Blessings and Bucket Lists – Prompted by his recent retirement from full-time ministry, the Rev. William F. Schulz, who has served as UUA President, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA and President of the UU Service Committee, will offer a metaphor for living wisely, no matter what one's stage of life. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and an Affiliate Professor of Preaching and Public Ethics at Meadville Lombard Theological School, our Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago.

Vespers: A Time of Quiet Reflection - *On May 14 there will be a lay-led Vespers service in Lyon Chapel, at 6pm. The intent of this service is to welcome a sense of quiet contemplation as a complement to Sunday morning services, closing the week in peaceful communion with each other. We welcome anyone who would like to add more quiet to their lives.*

May 21 – Challenge Sunday - The challenge class (9th grade) will conduct the service and present their faith statements, which is the final step in the youth religious exploration program at First Parish Brookline. In addition, the service will celebrate everyone who has been involved with Religious Exploration this year. All students in classes 5th grade and up are urged to attend this service with their parents. All RE teachers from this year are also urged to attend so we can celebrate your amazing contributions. This is a very special yearly event that is not to be missed!

May 28 - Picnic With the Dead: The Spirit of Remembrance - Today we'll explore the long-buried roots and some surprising truths about Decoration Day, a holiday born of a terrible war. Our journey into the past will honor veterans, especially veterans of color, who sacrificed much for our nation's freedom and unity. Following the service, those who wish to will join Rev. Eliza in paying tribute to the graves of Brookline's African American long-ago residents and veterans, just down the street. Please join Rev. Eliza Blanchard in this special day.



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