



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Worship Service

“What We Find in the Dust”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, February 21, 10:30 am on Zoom

We are in the season when winter slowly turns to spring, which has traditionally been a time of austerity and renewal. This week marked the beginning of Lent in the Christian tradition, a religious season that thematically mirrors the seasons and cycles of nature. In this season of Lent, and as we approach the year-mark of social distancing, we reflect on how we find and create Beloved Community in times of challenge, change, and transformation.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86170075449>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 861 7007 5449

StandOut Quincy 4 Black Lives

Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 pm, church front steps

I am privileged to announce that UFPC is partnering with Quincy for Transformative Change for a new initiative in support of Black Lives Matter. We will meet on the church front steps weekly to bear peaceful witness and to advocate for justice and equity for our fellow citizens of color. You are invited to join our small but dedicated group. Kindly direct your questions to me at my cell 617-272-0274 or artclaire@comcast.net. Thank you, Claire Fitzmaurice.

Weekly Children’s Chapel

Each Thursday/Friday, Joan McDonald, our Director of Religious Education, posts a new children’s chapel video for our preschool to early elementary age children. The video will be posted on the Religious Education page on our website: <https://ufpc.org/religious-education>. The theme focus for this month is Beloved Community.

Worship Service

“And Joy”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 am on Zoom

We often say that our efforts for social justice take a great deal of hard work and struggle. While there is truth to that, in this service we reflect on the power of joy and love in building liberatory Beloved Community. This service includes music by musicians from Sanctuary Boston.

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Book Group

Thursday, March 4, 7:00–8:30 pm on Zoom

The UFPC Book Group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with a gap in summer and in December. All members and friends of UFPC are welcome to join us. We will meet on Zoom during the pandemic. We try to select a balance of styles, and this year we ended up with 4 non-fiction works and 5 works of fiction. You are welcome to come if you have not quite finished the book. Over the years we have had some practice at avoiding spoilers and it is always fun to have new voices.

Our February book selection is *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. This book is a funny, honest collection that details the popular comedian's coming of age in South Africa as apartheid ended. The son of a black mother and a white father, Noah regularly had to acclimate to a variety of fraught situations, forcing him to think critically about race and the country's legacy of racism and colonialism. Throughout these experiences, Noah remained anchored by his mother, Patricia, whose aspirations for her son guaranteed that he would be able to rise above his meager beginnings. Ultimately, Noah's text is a thoughtful account of what it means to forge one's complex identity in a country that is grappling with its own attempts to come to terms with its legacy of injustice. *Born A Crime* is an important update and addendum to classic literary texts about apartheid, offering a relatable, contemporary perspective to readers.

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Writing Group

Sunday, March 7, 12:00 pm on Zoom

Our UFPC Writing Group meets the first Sunday of the month at noon. We will use Zoom links to gather online during the pandemic. As in the past, we welcome everyone to join us in a free writing session and optional sharing of our words that pursue thinking on a theme. This is a non-critiqued, open minded, generous group that encourages self-expression in a supportive gathering. You can attend one or more sessions. No advance reservation is required. Groups tend to vary in size between 6 and 14 participants, and the session lasts for 45 minutes to an hour. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact facilitator Jim Petosa at jimjamespeto@aol.com or at 301-442-3781.

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Antiracism Book Group

Thursdays, March 11 and 25, 6:30–7:30 pm on Zoom

The Antiracism Book Group will be on hiatus in February. A new book to read and reflect on will be chosen and the group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, March 11 and 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The following are some of the books under consideration: UUA's Common read for 2021 *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry; *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi; *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson; *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi. For more information, please contact Joan McDonald at dreufpc@gmail.com.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84188051078>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 841 8805 1078

Save the Date
The Great UFPC Sweet and Savory Auction and Variety Show

Hosted by Jim Petosa and Rev. Rebecca Froom
Saturday, March 20, 6:30–8:30 pm on Zoom

The first day of spring – the vernal equinox comes with:

- Bid on Savory dishes and Sweet desserts!
- Bid on a variety of Silent Auction items – coming online by March 1!
- Participate in the Spring Fling hat or head dress contest!
- Purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle!
- Sing, dance, tell stories, poetry, play an instrument in the variety show!
- Buy a ticket for \$5.00 and get a zoom link to attend the festivities!

Questions:

- Have an item for the Silent Auction? Contact Brenda Reed: brendamreed@comcast.net.
- Want to cook a sweet or savory dish? Contact Susan Curran: susan_curran@comcas.net.
- Want to perform? Contact Jim Petosa: jimjamespeto@aol.com.
- General information? Contact April Bargout: acb10@verizon.net.
- Want to buy a ticket? Go to the UFPC website, click the donate button to make your \$5.00 donation and make it go to “Event”. We will send you a zoom link. OR...simply send your \$5.00 (or your intent to pay at the night of the event) to any of the committee members and we will make sure you get a zoom link to the event.

Let's get as many people there as we can! Stay tuned for further information!

Join Our UFPC Zoom Worship Team

Every Sunday morning our online services are created by a team of staff and volunteers, serving in a variety of artistic and logistical roles. We'd love to expand our team! If you are interested in learning more about any of the following roles, please contact Jamie Grassmann, Chair of the Worship Committee, or Rev. Rebecca at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com. Some of the roles include:

- serving as a Digital Ushers who manages the Zoom waiting room and facilitates sharing during Joys and Sorrows
- running our slides and any multimedia through the screen share function on Zoom
- giving a chalice lighting reading
- providing music to be recorded ahead of time
- taking or sharing pictures of our UFPC building and grounds to be used in our worship slides
- editing audio or video files ahead of or following worship services

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