

Ashby First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist

April 4, 2010

Candle Lighting & Silent Meditation

~ Gathering the Community ~

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

- Singing “Lo The Earth Awakes Again”
#61 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

- Congregational Affirmation

by Clark Greene ◊

We gather to build community, because we know that people
need to give and receive love.

We gather to worship, because we hunger for the sacred.

We gather to dedicate ourselves to service, because service is
the active expression of our beliefs and talents.

We gather to celebrate the power and wonder of Mystery.

- Singing “Doxology”
From all that dwell below the skies,
Let songs of hope and faith arise.
Let peace, good will on earth be sung.
Through every land by every tongue.

~ Making Our Offerings ~

Offering our Joys and Concerns

Prayer & Meditation (spoken & silent)

Story for All Ages “Hope for the Flowers”

Singing the Children to Church School

“A Proverb” music by Pete Seeger ◊
The larger the island of knowledge,
the longer the shoreline of wonder.

Offertory

~ Sharing Words ~

Responsive Reading “Seasons of the Self”

by the Rev. Max Coots

#627 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

- Singing “A Promise Through the Ages Rings”
#344 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

Sermon

“When Jesus Met Buddha”

~ Sending the Community Forth ~

- Singing “O Day of Light and Gladness”
#270 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

- Benediction “Look to this Day”
words by Kalidasa

Extinguishing the Chalice

words by the Buddha

Postlude

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong, Minister
Stephan Arsenault, Musician

- Please rise if you are able.
◊ Unitarian Universalist.

Easter Flowers

Flowers in honor of Frances Becker, Alois Becker and Walter B. Welton
from Kathryn Becker and Walter Welton.

Elizabeth Strong dedicates Easter flowers in celebration of her children
and their spouses: David & Lori, Shari & Joe, Kathleen & Joe and
Douglas & Sidra, and her nine grandchildren: Rowan, Mikela, Asher,
Hannah, Ashley, Brin, Keenan, Piran and Aaron.

Tracey Robinson-Harris dedicates Easter flowers in memory of her
husband, the Rev. George Robinson.

Beautiful flowers sent from Krishnabai for three beautiful men:
Jonathan Hemingway, Lou Boersma and, as always, Tinker,
all gone too soon.

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| Sun | today | 11:00 am | Social time in the Parish Hall |
| Mon | Apr 5 | 7:30 pm | Parish Committee meeting – all are welcome |
| Sat | Apr 10 | 9:30 am | Clara Barton District Annual Meeting at the First Parish Church UU of Northborough. |
| Sun | Apr 11 | 10:00 am | Worship Service: Association Sunday Ashby First Parish Church joins with 5 other congregations at the Leominster UU Church. |
| Sun | Apr 18 | 10:00 am | Worship Service: “Earth Day” by the Rev. Elizabeth Strong Potluck Lunch after the service |
| Sun | Apr 25 | 10:00 am | Worship Service: “Beltane” by Inanna Arthen, M.Div. |

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“When Jesus Met Buddha”
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong
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