

Ashby First Parish Church
Unitarian Universalist

March 28, 2010

Candle Lighting & Silent Meditation

~ Gathering the Community ~

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship by the Rev. Lindsay Bates

Chalice Lighting by the Rev. Lindsay Bates

• Singing "You That Have Spent the Silent Night"
#41 *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 & Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages

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 ~

Reading

• Singing "Down the Ages We Have Trod"
#2 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

Sermon "Gnosticism: The Message of the Alien God"

~ Sending the Community Forth ~

• Singing "Mysterious Presence, Source of All"
#92 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

• Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong, Minister
Lizards in the Hayloft, Musician

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

Announcements & Reminders

Passover Seder on March 29

The First Parish Ashby Passover celebration will commence in the Parish Hall at sundown. The Passover Seder, as we celebrate it in the Unitarian Universalist church, is open to everyone and shared in a spirit of peace and justice for all. We use a progressive Haggadah (or “script”), sing traditional songs in Hebrew and in English, and enjoy fantastic food cooked by participants.

Guests, members, family and folks of all ages are invited!

Sign up for our upcoming Passover Seder during social time after the service.

Sun	today	11:00 am	Social time in the Parish Hall
Mon	Mar 29	6:00 pm	Passover Seder led by Al Futterman
Sun	Apr 4	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service: “When Jesus and Buddha Met” by the Rev. Elizabeth Strong
Mon	Apr 5	7:30 pm	Parish Committee meeting – all are welcome
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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**“Gnosticism: The Message of the Alien
God”**

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