



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

# FOCUS

OCTOBER 2017

## UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Fellow Congregants,

Here is a report on the Board's September activities.

### Transition Team

As explained in the email sent to all Church members on August 8, an important early step in the process of finding a new Senior Minister is the appointment of a Transition Team. The Team, which is not the same as the Search Team to be approved by the Congregation, will manage the overall search process, and prepare a Church Profile. One of the Team's first activities will be meeting with the Rev. Wendy Vanderhart from the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC.

The Board has appointed the following members to the Transition Team:

Barbra Morton, Claudia Darmofal, Carl Madsen, Deborah Abraham, Diana Conroy, Heather Salerno, and Alan Clayton-Matthews.

Please call the church office if you need another copy of the August 8 email, which explains the entire search process.

### 1180 Great Plain Avenue

The Church has thus far been unsuccessful in its efforts to lease space in 1180 GPA. At its meeting on September 12, the Board decided to hold a special meeting in early October to consider a path

forward. If we have not found a tenant by that time, the Board plans to seriously consider actively marketing the property for sale, most likely in parallel with continued efforts to find a tenant.

The Board plans to advise the Congregation of the terms of any sale before actually committing the Church to that sale.



### Nominating Team

The Board began the process of forming a Nominating Team to identify candidates to stand for election at the Annual Meeting in January.

All four church officers (Moderator, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk) are to be elected for one-year terms, and approximately one-third of each board and committee (Board, Deacons, CE, Youth, Outreach) are to be elected for three-year terms.

We invite all Church members to consider making a vital contribution to the life of the Church by standing for election. Please contact Kristin Mollerus (Kristin@mollerus.net) to express interest or get more information.

Yours in Christ,  
The Board

# Thank You!

## From Family Promise!

What an incredible outpouring of love and support our church provided for the 11 children and their families who are currently in the Family Promise program as they began a new school year last month. \$525.00 was donated for school supplies and back to school clothing! And to make it even more special Maddie and our VBS students collected school supplies and lovingly made backpack blessing tags. Thank you for your love and generosity!

**Family Promise Support Week First Congregational Church Natick Nov. 19-25**

# FELLOWSHIP & ADULT ED

## COMMUNITY DINNERS

6-7pm, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5  
Linden Hall

Dinners coincide with monthly Baby Basics distribution. Volunteers are welcome to join in our effort to provide a healthy dinner for our guests and members of the church. Volunteers are welcome to help set up, serve, visit and eat with our Baby Basics families, and clean up. Please contact Rev. Heike or Diana Conroy.

## THURSDAY LUNCH WITH REV.

### HEIKE

Noon-1pm, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7  
Library

We all eat but it's much more fun to eat together!

Join us for a Rev. Heike simple soup lunch on the first Thursday of the month. Most soups are vegetarian based and they are always nut and lactose free! Everyone is welcome. \$3 donation requested to cover the cost of the lunch.



## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays 9-10:30am  
Reception Room

This group will meet every Monday morning, except on holiday Mondays or school vacations. Come, if you need an extra hug or prayer said for yourself or a family member.

## MEDITATION GROUP

11:30am, Oct. 8 & 22  
Chapel

Sue Findlay and Stephanie Oddleifson will lead a group in mindful meditation in the Chapel. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

## MEDITATION BOOK GROUP

7:30pm, Oct. 19 & Nov. 16  
Library

The Meditation Group invites everyone to join them in reading "Full Catastrophe Living" by Jon Kabat-Zinn. We will be reading the book over time and meeting to discuss the book.

## BAKING WITH REV. HEIKE

3pm, Oct. 18,  
Nov. 15  
1154 Kitchen

Roll up your sleeves and let's bake! We will bake nut free and gluten free recipes for our Sunday Coffee Hour! If you can't join us on this day and time but would like to donate for coffee hour, please email Rev. Heike at [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org).



## CELEBRATING THE 500TH

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

11:30am Sun. Oct. 15, 22 & 29  
Linden Hall

Please join Rev. Heike in a 3-part series on the Reformation. We will use the UCC's study guide called "500" and explore together the basics of the Reformation, The Bible and Hot Button issues lifted up by Martin Luther.

## FRIENDS & FAMILY BRUNCH

11:30am Sun., November 12



**BRUNCH**

Everyone is invited to brunch after worship, hosted by the JR & SR High youth groups. Members of our church family are asked to invite one friend to join them for worship and Sunday School at the 10 AM service and to stay afterwards for fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast favorites will be offered buffet-style.

# FOCUS

Contributions are welcome. Please submit materials by e-mail to [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org).

November issue  
deadline:

**Tues., Oct. 24th**

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To provide feedback about any aspect of the church, email [feedback@needhamucc.org](mailto:feedback@needhamucc.org)



## What are you doing on Sunday?

Would you like to contribute to the life of our church, but are worried that you might not have the time? Consider ushering! Ushers serve one Sunday per month, and need to be in the sanctuary from about 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after service. Interested? Please speak with Eric Slosser or email him at [eric@slosser.net](mailto:eric@slosser.net).



THANKS TO ALL who contributed their efforts to and/or attended the wonderful celebration of 30 years of partnership at the Founders' Dinner on September 23rd. Clark and Kay Taylor were thrilled to share this special evening with so many of you. The evening was a treat for all, as we enjoyed a delicious catered dinner, live marimba ensemble, a nostalgic photo exhibit, fabulous video clips and a 'storytelling' segment, culminating in Clark and Kay's recollections, which many people were hearing for the first time. The evening had a surprise ending, with Soomi Lee playing a special piano piece for Clark, followed by dancing to the marimba music. Thus ended a truly celebratory and memorable event!

COMING UP: GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT/SILENT AUCTION - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Church Sanctuary.

Please join us for this double musical treat, featuring pianist Soomi Lee and Libana, with a silent auction in between! One of our own, Soomi earned her masters at the New England Conservatory and has performed internationally as well as with the Boston Pops and various Boston-area symphonies. She has been a faculty member at the Walnut Hill School and New England Conservatory. Libana is a Boston-based ensemble of 6 women who perform world music that connects cultures. Per the Boston Globe: "World Class! ... a globe-circling sound ... The music brings universal understanding across borders." Feel free to arrive early to begin bidding on Silent Auction items, which will continue at intermission.

Purchase your tickets (\$15/person) on-line at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-guatemala-partnership-30th-anniversary-concert-tickets-38214154565> Tickets will also be available at the Guatemala table during Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 15th.



**OPEN AND AFFIRMING**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### OCTOBER BRINGS AWARENESS OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN!

From the point of view of an Open and Affirming congregation, there are many significant dates in October, including National Bullying Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept-Oct), National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Polish American Heritage Month. It is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In the United Church of Christ, October 8 is Access Sunday and begins Disability Awareness Week.


October is LGBTQ History Month. Beginning October 1, you can read the stories of famous LGBTQ people at [lgbthistorymonth.com](http://lgbthistorymonth.com). National Coming Out Day is October 11. The original idea was to have a designated day when there would be safety in numbers to come out as an LGBTQ person. People may also choose to come out as allies to the LGBTQ community. It can also be a day when people can acknowledge elements of their identities in whatever way is meaningful to them. The day encourages living authentically.



October 19 is Spirit Day, on which people pledge to "go purple" to take a stand against bullying. Go to [glad.org/spiritday](http://glad.org/spiritday) to find to how you can show youth that we have their backs.

The Out MetroWest Gala, "Come Out and Celebrate," was held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the Dedham Hilton. Our Outreach Committee made a generous donation to the organization to support the event. Attendees Jim Mitulski, Barbra Morton and Kathie Carpenter enjoyed a wonderful program featuring Dr. Asa Sevelius, principal of the Heath School (K-8) in Brookline. His life and story are examples for LGBTQI youth. Dr. Sevelius is only the second out transgender school administrator in the U.S. You can read his story at <http://www.wbur.org/news/2017/06/07/heath-school-asa-sevelius>. For about five years, our church has been a supporting congregation of Out MetroWest, which provides support, activities, mentoring and programming for LGBTQI youth in the western suburbs.

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>1</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship &amp; Communion            11:30am - Church Town Hall Meeting                      Chimer's Rehearsal            4pm - St. Francis Pet Blessing</p>	<p><b>2</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp</p>	<p><b>3</b>            6pm - Community Dinner            7pm Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>8</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Reforming Ourselves            11:30am - Coffee Hour                      Bible Study                      Meditation Group                      Chimer's Rehearsal                      Jr. &amp; Sr. High to King Richard's Faire</p>	<p><b>9</b>            Church office closed</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 8:15am - Men's Breakfast            8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Reforming the Church            11:30am - Coffee Hour                      Bible Study                      Adult Ed - The Protestant Reformation                      Chimer's Rehearsal            5pm - Jr &amp; Sr High Rehearsal for Mystery Dinner</p>	<p><b>16</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp</p>	<p><b>17</b>            7pm - Finance Team Mtg</p>
<p><b>22</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Reforming Society            11:30am - Adult Ed - 95 Thesis and other issues                      Bible Study                      Meditation Group                      Once in a While Choir            4pm - Guatemala Partnership 30th Anniversary                  Concert &amp; Silent Auction</p>	<p><b>23</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp</p>	<p><b>24</b>            7pm - Outreach Mtg</p>
<p><b>29</b> 8:30am - Choir Practice            10am - Worship - Reformation Sunday            11:30am - Adult Ed - The Importance of the Reformation                      Bible Study                      Chimer Rehearsal                      Once in a While Choir            1pm - Choir Rehearsal            4pm - Jr High Youth Group            6:30pm - Sr High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>30</b>            9am - Cancer Support Grp</p>	<p><b>31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b></p> 

# 2017

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>4</b> 7pm - Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Las Vegas	<b>5</b> Noon - Lunch with Rev. Heike 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>11</b> 7pm - Deacon's Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Jr & Sr High Lock-in	<b>14</b>
	<b>18</b> 3pm - Baking with Rev. Heike	<b>19</b> 7:30pm - Choir Practice Meditation Book Grp with Sue Findlay	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Capers at <b>Camp Cobweb</b> <b>MYSTERY MUSICAL</b> <b>DINNER THEATRE</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b> 7pm - Vespers	<b>2</b> Noon - Lunch with Rev. Heike 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**save the  
date!**

# VILLAGE FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

The Village Fair will be here before we know it! You can help!

Donate those summer reads and other used books! Pass on those attic treasures that someone new will cherish! Donations for the used book table and Timeless

Treasures can be left on the stage -- at the back left corner behind the curtain - in Fellowship Hall.

We are also looking for donated items - such as wine corks, wooden picture frames (medium to large size), battery powered candles, old mirrors, fall and holiday silk flowers and foliage, and green wreaths, small trees, ornaments and other Christmas-related items - which can be repurposed into new decorations, displays and creations. Those donations can be dropped off in the box labeled "Village Fair Donations" located in the hall by the chapel. Questions? Contact Jane Brand at [ajbrand@comcast.net](mailto:ajbrand@comcast.net).

## BAKING WITH REV. HEIKE

As part of our Membership care efforts, we would like to build upon our coffee hour offerings. And what better way than to offer home-made baked and nut free goodies, including also gluten free items. Rev. Heike invites you to a monthly afternoon of baking at the church. Our first meeting brought in three bakers, and baked goods for three Sundays.

Our next baking dates are October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2017. We'll meet at 3 pm in the large kitchen at 1154 Great Plain Ave.

If you wish to contribute to coffee hour but cannot come to church to do so, we gratefully accept donations of money or baked goods.

Please remember, all baked offerings need to be nut-free and lactose free. And there are great baking mixes available (CherryBrook is one) that are gluten-free.

**Cinnamon Apple Pie Bread** (nut & lactose free):

Cook time: 30 mins; Serves: 8

### Ingredients

1/3 cup light brown sugar (not packed)  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2/3 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup Earth Balance Vegan butter (or sunflower seed oil or extra light olive oil)  
2 eggs  
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
1½ cups all-purpose flour (or ¾ cup of whole wheat flour and ¾ of white flour)  
1¾ teaspoons baking powder  
½ cup soy milk (lactose free)  
1 apple, peeled and chopped (Granny Smith or a Cortland)

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan.
2. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together in a mixing bowl and set aside.
3. Beat white sugar and fat together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.
4. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, until incorporated; add vanilla extract and stir until incorporated.
5. Combine flour and baking powder together in another bowl; stir into creamed butter mixture.
6. Mix soy milk into batter until smooth.
7. Pour half the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Next add half the apples and half the brown sugar cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat/push apple mixture into batter.
8. Pour the remaining batter over apple layer; top with remaining apples and add more brown sugar/cinnamon mixture.
9. Lightly pat/push apples into batter; swirl brown sugar mixture through apples using a finger or spoon (I cleaned my hands and used my finger because it was easier).
10. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes. Mine took about 35.

Tip: If you notice it getting too brown on the top, cover it loosely with tin foil and continue baking until the inside is done.



## WERDER TAKES ON LUTHER!

Join us at an Adult Ed class about the 500th Anniversary of Luther and the Protestant Reformation with Rev. Heike Werder.

On October 31st the world celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Not just Germany, not just the small town of Wittenberg, but the whole world, because the Reformation has touched and influenced every corner of this world.

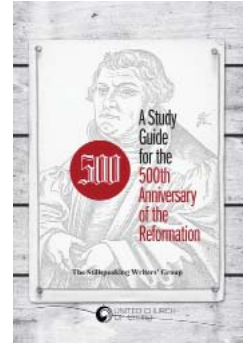
The Reformation brought sweeping changes to European and American culture and society then and still. It brought an end to the medieval and feudal world, helped emerge a new world of a rising middle class, greater individual rights and freedoms, the emergence of nation-states, and opened the door to a worldwide growth of commerce and trade. With the help of the newly invented printing press, the Bible and other books went main stream, allowing for the development of a common (German) language and knowledge and independent thought.

The Reformation in its onset questioned the role of religion and the authority of the church

over people's lives. The Reformation was a forerunner of democratic movements, including the creation of the United States. And in many ways, Reformation is ongoing today.

Together I hope explore with you some of the aspects of the Reformation. If you are interested, watch Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXK9NNp1yk4>. It is free and very informative.

Please join me a 3-part series in the Reformation. We will use (partially) the UCC's study guide called "500" and explore together the basics of the Reformation. A copy for sale is on our "Bookstore."



- Oct. 15** - The Protestant Reformation; we'll watch a History Channel video together
- Oct. 22** - 95 Thesis and other issues lifted up by Martin Luther
- Oct. 29** - The Importance of the Reformation

We will gather in Linden Hall. Lunch will be offered for a small fee. All are welcome!

## JUSTICE AND WITNESS

This is the name of a new team that is forming for people involved in various kinds of social justice or social action activities. It corresponds to a Program area of our denomination, the United Church of Christ. <http://www.ucc.org/jwm>. Speak to Jim Mitulski if you are interested in exploring this.

Below are two activities taking place in the area that might be of interest to you this month:

### Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

**Oct. 19, 7:00 PM**

**Trinity Church, Boston**

Join Co-Convenors Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II

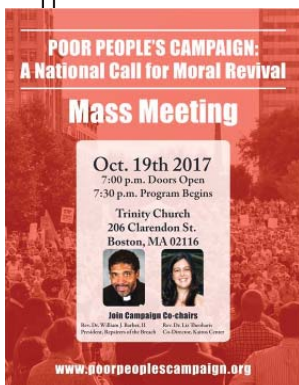
and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis for a Mass Meeting for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival to learn about the inspiration, vision and strategy of the PPC. Are you interested in going with a group from our church? Contact [revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:revjim@needhamucc.org)

### An Evening with Rev. Traci Blackmon

**Oct. 28, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**United Church in Walpole**

Join The Rev. Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries of The United Church of Christ, for an evening of inspiration and deep learning surrounding social justice issues in our nation. There is no charge to attend this event, but tickets are required, and there is an opportunity to donate to Justice Ministries when signing up. Are you interested in going iwth a group from our church? contact [Revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:Revjim@needhamucc.org)





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## Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday, October 15th

On Sunday, 10/15, the Men's Fellowship Breakfast will welcome all church men to breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together in the Library on the 3rd Sunday of the month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We welcome men of all ages and accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion.

Contact: John Baldwin ([jsbaldwin@comcast.net](mailto:jsbaldwin@comcast.net)) or Rob Dunlavey ([rob@rob.com](mailto:rob@rob.com)) for more information.

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### St. Francis Pet Blessing:

Sunday, October 1 | 4:00 PM | ALL AGES

We're celebrating the animals that love us so fully. You're invited to bring your pet to be blessed. Stuffed animals are welcome! You're also invited to bring something to remember animals who have passed away. Donations of pet supplies will be collected for ARL.

## CAPERS AT

## CAMP COBWEB

A Mystery Dinner  
Theater Musical

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Doors: 5:30 PM Show: 6:00 PM

ALL AGES

Camp Cobweb is the favored summer camp for fun-loving ghosties, vampires, and witches and you're invited to the reunion dinner. But wait! Someone's been pulling pranks on the counselors as they get ready for this event! Can YOU solve the mystery of whodunit? **Tickets:** \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 10.



A Mystery Dinner Theater Musical  
Saturday, October 21, 2017 | 5:30 PM  
Purchase your tickets now at  
[www.tinyurl.com/CCNYouth](http://www.tinyurl.com/CCNYouth)

### Capers at Camp Cobweb

Rehearsals & Set Building | JR & SR High

Sunday, October 1: 6:30-8:00 PM

Sunday, October 15: 4:00-6:00 PM

Saturday, October 21: 2:30-5:00

We are in need of volunteers to cook and serve! If you want to help behind the scenes, please email Maddie!



### King Richard's Faire

Sunday, October 8 | JR & SR High  
\$34/person

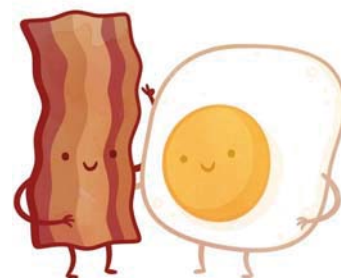
Carpool leaves at 11:30 AM and returns  
by 6:00 PM.

**Drivers needed!**

## NOVEMBER 2017

### Friends & Family Brunch: Sunday, November 12

Everyone is invited to brunch after worship, hosted by the JR & SR High youth groups. Members of our church family are asked to invite one friend to join them for worship and Sunday School at the 10 AM service and to stay afterwards for fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast favorites will be offered buffet-style.



### Sunday School Sings in Worship: Sunday, November 12

Our Sunday School students will sing during Time for Children on Sunday, November 12. Students will practice in class on Sunday, OCT. 1 & 8 and NOV. 5. Please practice at home with the handouts given during chapel time on 10/1.



### Can You Help at the Elf Shoppe?

JR & SR High students are needed to help at the Village Fair on Saturday, November 19. If you can volunteer between 9 and 3, please e-mail Maddie.



### Christmas PAGEANT

Help us tell the story...

### Participate in the CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Sign-ups begin: Sunday, November 5

Cast announced Sunday, December 3

Family Service & Pageant: Sunday, December 24 | 4:00 PM

Rehearsals: Sunday, Dec. 10 & 17, 11:30 AM - 1PM (with lunch);  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 2-3:30 PM.

**Children, teens, and adults** are asked to help us tell the story of the birth of the Christ child during our 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service. **There are many roles to choose from!**

Fill out a sign-up sheet in November! And if you have questions, please email Maddie at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org).

### Advent Workshop & Lunch

Sunday, December 3 | 11:30 AM

Come celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with lunch and an opportunity to make an Advent wreath, Christmas ornaments, and other crafts. All ages are welcome!



### Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 16 | 11:00 AM

Santa is visiting Needham UCC! Come have a cookie and tell Santa what you're hoping for this Christmas.



# Save the Date

## 4th Annual Keep the Promise

Join Family Promise Metrowest for an Evening of  
Food Tasting and Auction to Benefit Families Who Are Homeless.

*Date:*

October 28, 2017

*Time:*

6:30–9:30 PM

*Location:*

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center  
1667 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA

Early Bird ticket sales begin on September 5, 2017.

Visit our website: [www.501auctions.com/fpm](http://www.501auctions.com/fpm)

Enjoy delicious small-plate tastings  
from local restaurants.  
Entertainment throughout the evening  
for your pleasure.

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## *Tickets*

### Early Bird Ticket Sales

September 5 through October 9, 2017 ~ \$85

### General Admission

October 10, 2017 ~ \$100

Purchase a table for 10 for reserved seating  
with table signage. ~ \$1,250

Visit our websites for details and tickets:

[www.501auctions.com/fpm](http://www.501auctions.com/fpm)

[www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org)



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**Please join us on Sunday November 12th at 2Pm**  
**at**  
**First Parish Church**  
**Give Light: Spiritual Nurture for Climate Activism**  
**An interactive, multifaith workshop led by Rev. Fred Small**

As we come to understand the gravity of climate disruption, it's easy to become disheartened. How do we convert informed anxiety into effective action in our congregation, community, state, nation, and world? In this interactive workshop welcoming all faith traditions and spiritual orientations, Rev. Fred Small will invite us into meditation, reflection, conversation, and song, strengthening our spirits and deepening our resolve in the struggle for climate justice.

**About Rev. Fred Small**

A Unitarian Universalist minister, singer-songwriter, and former environmental lawyer, Rev. Fred Small is Minister for Climate Justice at Arlington Street Church, Boston. Cited by Bill McKibben as “one of the key figures in the religious environmental surge,” Fred left parish ministry in 2015 to devote his energies to climate justice.

**Testimonials**

Fred Small is one of the true stalwarts of the fight against climate change in this country. He's gone to jail, he's written songs, and he's preached and preached and preached. Here's how he explained to his congregation that the time for divestment had come: 'We must work with love for love: to build a love-centered, Earth-centered, justice-centered world to take the place of the one that is crumbling around us. This work is political, but it is also spiritual.' He's right." *Bill McKibben*  
*Founder, 350.org*