# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS First Parish in Concord Sunday, April 23, 2023

Please check our weekly e-newsletter, FP Weekly, for Zoom links for events you are interested in attending virtually.

## **Today We Celebrate Earth Day**

Earth Day was Saturday, April 22. Today our service will celebrate our planet home! Along with Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, we envision a world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people. Thanks to CC King, we will have big puppets of Otter, Owl, and Whale joining us! Be uplifted by our connections to all living beings through music, story, and the many ways we are taking action as individuals and as a congregation. This service will be led by Rev. Amy Freedman in partnership with our Environmental Team and First Parish leaders. The Environmental Team will provide meatless tacos at Coffee Hour today in support of environmentally friendly foods.

# Sign the Book to Become a First Parish Member

#### Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m. Brooks Room

Have you been attending First Parish for awhile, and decided that this is your spiritual home? Do you understand the benefits and expectations of church membership? If so, you are welcome to sign the membership book and officially join us. We will celebrate new members in the Brooks Room at the end of this spring's Welcome/Re-welcome class; please note the new date. Please inform one of the ministers of your desire to sign the book. We are glad you are here!

#### Concord Prison Outreach: Interfaith Event Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m. In person, Parish Hall

All three world religions invoke compassion for those imprisoned as necessary for healing the world and dwelling on the side of compassion. We are uniquely positioned to serve these incarcerated populations through our two prisons.

Concord Prison Outreach helps address needs of the incarcerated through its programs and support.

First Parish is hosting CPO in an inter-faith gathering at First Parish in Concord, 3-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Together we can make a significant difference for these men and their families, and help us better fulfill our prison ministries.

## **Register for Ferry Beach**

Come gather over Memorial Day Weekend, Friday May 26 - Monday, May 29, at the Ferry Beach Camp & Conference Center for fellowship, fun, and relaxation! Registration is directly with Ferry Beach by calling their office to receive the special rates for our weekend. For full information about the weekend in Saco, Maine, and how to register for lodging and meals, please see the 2023 Ferry Beach Info document. Questions? Contact Darien Smith.