

FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

April 28, 2024

Worship Leader: Reb Yaakov Reef
Organist: Joowah Park

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

RINGING THE CHIME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHALICE LIGHTING:

*Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
We gather in community to celebrate the glories
And the mysteries of this great gift.*

OPENING SONG:

SLT #61 "Lo, The Earth Awakes Again

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for
truth its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To
dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in
freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the end
that all souls shall grow into harmony with the
Divine: thus do we covenant with each other and
with God.*

CENTERING SONG: STJ #1068 "Rising Green"

MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

You are not alone, we are in this together.

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY*:

 (note the different tune)

Alleluia! sang stars that gave us birth!

Alleluia! resounds our home, the earth!

Alleluia! shall echo 'cross the skies.

Alleluia! when love has shown us wise.

EXPLORING CHANT:

STJ #1069 "Ancient Mother" (see reverse)

CLOSING WORDS

CLOSING SONG:

 SLT #163

"For the Earth Forever Turning"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE*

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts, until we are together
again.*

BENEDICTION:

One: Our service together has ended

Many: Our service to the world begins.

One: Live long and prosper.

POSTLUDE:

*Please join us for refreshments
downstairs immediately after the service*

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EXPLORING CHANT: "Ancient Mother"

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling.
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.
Ancient Mother, I feel your laughter.
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears.

STORY FROM THE STARS

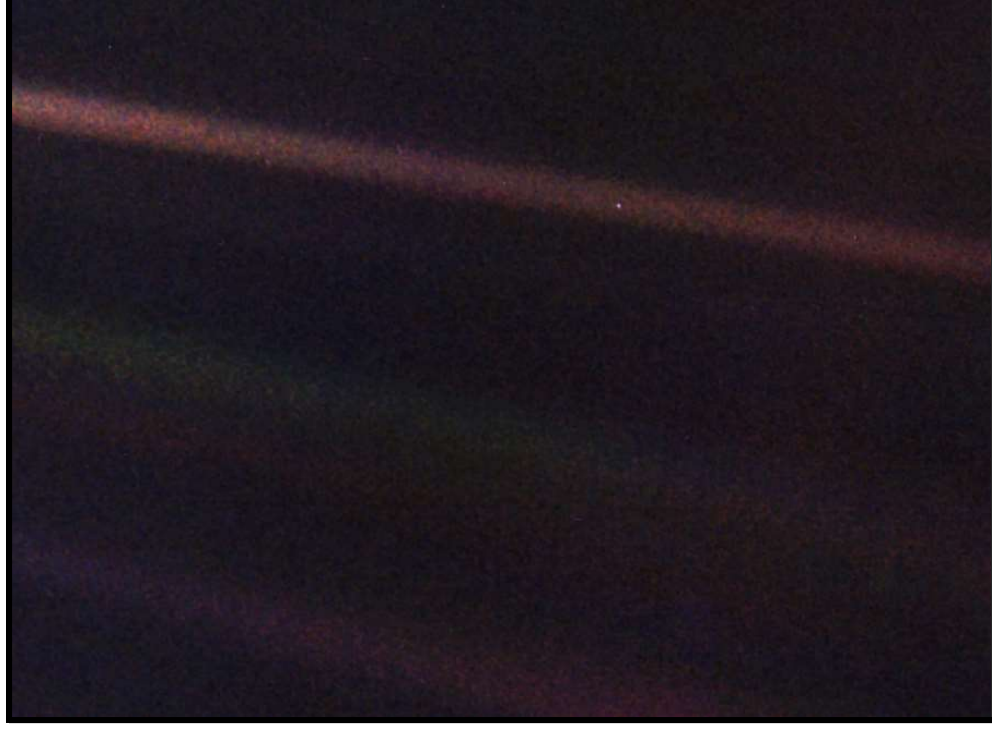
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STORY FROM THE PLANTS

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling.
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.
Ancient Mother, I feel your laughter.
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears.

STORY FROM THE ANIMALS

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling.
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.
Ancient Mother, I feel your laughter.
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears.



“Pale Blue Dot”

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