

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 30

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Music Search Committee, C.R., 12:00 PM
Learning Community, Auditorium, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, May 3

Soulful Sundown, Chapel, 6:15 PM

Sunday, May 7

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Social Justice meeting, Auditorium, 12:30 PM
Music Search Committee, C.R., 12:30 PM

Tuesday, May 9

Awakening to Joy, Chapel, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 10

Soulful Sundown, Dinner Church, Chapel, 6:15 PM

**Denotes a non-church event, open to the public.*

Be sure to check out the newly updated bulletin board in the upper Narthex for information about The Social Justice Community's work and how you can get involved.

GBIO action needed: see your enews for information on GBIO organized meetings with your State Senator on criminal justice reform. It is critically important that we put pressure on our legislators to get some reform done. May 2 Senator Creem, May 9 Senator Rush, May 13 Senators DiDomenico and Boncore- see enews for details or contact rosemarykean@yahoo.com."

Children's Religious Education

April 30 - Generosity:

This week we read "The Better Offer," a story that illustrates that generosity reaps benefits for both giver and receiver. Our activity today will be a demonstration of generosity by making a craft for another person.

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TODAY

Becky Richardson, President of Promise the Children UU
Cynicism Threatens Our Democracy Today:
A talk about FCB Member Elliot Richardson, US Attorney General, during the Watergate era

Reception for Eleanor Williams

7 Chestnut Street, May 13th, 2017, 3-5pm
(Eleanor will also be with us on May 21st)

RSVP to the church office: jennifer@firstchurchboston.org/617-267-6730

Save the Date: Annual Meeting, May 21

Featuring New Member Welcoming, this years' Rhys Williams Award recipient and a farewell to Paul Cienniwa, Music Director.

We need two Marshalls for the upcoming Pride Parade,

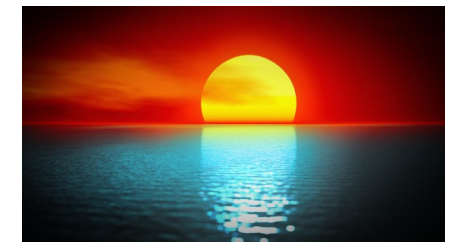
Brief training meeting required. Email Katie at katie.mcquage@gmail.com

Save the Date: End of Church Year Picnic following the service on June 11.

Final Soulful Sundowns:

May 3— Vespers with Diana Smith
May 10— Dinner Church with Aisha Ansano
May 17— Sanctuary Boston (last Wed evening service of the regular church year)

Soulful Sundowns will return in September!



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The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Persian Song; A Night in May Barbara Heller (b. 19367)

Welcome Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 44** We Sing of Golden Mornings COMPLAINER

Chalice Lighting & Invocation

Love is the spirit of this church, And service its law. This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

The Work of Community

Time for All Ages Rev. Stephen Kendrick
Children of new and returning families are invited to join Jasmine Baetz for the children’s spiritual education session, held downstairs in the John Winthrop School.

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

***Greeting One Another**

Affirmation Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Brief Announcements Rev. Kendrick

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Reading “Eternity” by William Blake Aisha Ansano

Choral Meditation Once to Every Soul and Nation, Op. 144 Larry Thomas Bell (2017)
Alleluia. Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side. New occasions teach new duties, ancient values test our youth; They must upward be and onward who would keep abreast of truth. Though the cause of evil prosper, yet the truth alone is strong; through its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong. Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside, when the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied. (James Russell Lowell (1819-1891))

Responsive Reading # 588 Isaiah 58

Going Deeper

Reflection “You Ask Why” by Li Po Aisha Ansano

Prayer Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 1045** There Is a Balm in Gilead

Sermon Joy and Justice Rev. Kendrick

Offertory The Beatitudes (from Five Sacred Responses) Frank E. Warren (b. 1950)
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peace makers, blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake. Rejoice, and be glad, for great is your reward. Amen. (Matthew 5:3-12) .

Doxology



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 29** Joyful, Joyful HYMN TO JOY

Benediction

Postlude Overture in C, KV 399 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Narthex.

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