

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 16

Men's Group, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM

**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.

Social Justice news from our partner, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO).

GBIO's next "Out of Many, One": Teach-In and Solidarity with the Boston Muslim Community will be hosted by Temple Isaiah (55 Lincoln St., Lexington) on Tuesday, July 25 from 7:00-9:00pm.

Join together with our Muslim neighbors from the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center and other Greater Boston Interfaith Organization leaders for an evening of learning, relationship-building and solidarity. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith and to hear stories from individuals of their experiences being Muslim in Boston. We'll also learn about specific threats facing the Muslim community in these troubling times and about what we can do to be of support.

RSVPs to <http://isbcc.org/out-of-many-one/> would be helpful for planning purposes. Questions? Contact Rosemary at rosemarykean@yahoo.com. Also, if you are going and can drive others in your car please let Rosemary know this too.

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Our summer services are in our air-conditioned Hale Chapel. Come and hear exciting speakers and musicians. Take a break from the heat and get cool during summer at First Church!



Summer Post-Service Discussions

This summer on Sundays through August 6, the Learning Community Committee will offer a time for reflection and dialogue after each service. A leader, chosen by the Committee, will convene and facilitate a discussion to start about 15 minutes after the service in Hale Chapel. The day's preacher may or may not be present for the discussion. If you are inclined to attend: grab some lemonade and a snack and join us back in the chapel for an exchange of ideas. Margaret Moody is discussion leader following the service.

Upcoming Summer Speakers!

July 16: Rev. Harold Babcock, Minister Emeritus of the First Religious Society in Newburyport, "In Praise of Doing Nothing"

July 23: Rev. Ann Fox, Minister Emerita, Unitarian Memorial Church
"The Buddhas in Our Gardens"

July 30: Katie McQuage-Loukas, Chair of FCB Standing Committee

August 6: Rev. Rosemarie Smurzinski, "Reverend Phebe Ann Coffin Hanaford: a Woman for These Times"

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Ca' the yowes (Folk Song Arrangements, Vol 5 "British Isles")
Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

Ca' the yowes tae the knowes; ca' them whar the heather grows, Ca' them whar the burnie rows, my bonnie dearie. Hark, the mavis' e'enin' sang, soundin' Cluden's woods amang; Then a-fauldin' let us gang, my bonnie dearie. We'll gang down by Clouden side, through the hazels spreading wide, O'er the waves that sweetly glide to the moon sae clearly. Fair and lovely as thou art, thou hast stol'n my very heart; I can die, but canna part, my bonnie dearie. While waters wimple to the sea, while day blinks in the lift sae hie, Till death shall blin' my e'e ye shall be my dearie. (traditional Scottish, transcribed by Robert Burns)

Welcome

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

*Hymn #41 You That Have Spent the Silent Night LOBT GOTT

Brief Announcements

*Affirmation Simple Gifts

Reading Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* Rev. Harold Babcock

Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

Responsive Reading # 556 These Roses, by Ralph Waldo Emerson Rev. Babcock

Greeting Your Neighbor

Going Deeper

Musical Meditation Hôtel Francis Poulenc (1899 - 1963)

My room has the form of a cage. The sun reaches its arm in through the window. But I want to smoke and make shapes in the air, and so I light my cigarette on the sun's fire. I don't want to work, I want to smoke. (Guillaume Apollinaire)

Unison Reading # 435 by Kathleen McTigue Rev. Babcock

Prayer

*Hymn # 352 Find a Stillness SIGISMUND

Sermon "In Praise of Doing Nothing" Rev. Babcock

Offertory

Linden Lea

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

*Within the woodland flow'ry gladed By the oak tree's mossy root The shining grass blade timber shaded Now do quiver on the foot
And birds do whistle overhead And water's bubbling in its bed And there for me the apple tree Do lean down low, in Linden Lea.
When leaves that lately were a-springing Now do fade within the copse And painted birds do hush their singing High upon the timber
tops, And brown leaved fruit is turning red, In cloudless sunshine overhead, With root for me the apple tree Do lean down low, in
Linden Lea. Let other folk make money faster In the air of dark roomed towns. I do not dread a peevish master Though no man may
heed my frowns For I be free to go abroad Or take again my homeward road To where, for me, the apple tree Do lean down low, in
Linden Lea. (William Barnes)*

*Doxology



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge # 697

*Hymn # 90 From All the Fret and Fever of the Day COOLINGE

*Benediction

Postlude Prelude, Op. 32 no. 11, B major Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943)

*Please stand as you are able.

Personnel - Robert Winkley, Service Musician; Ethan Bremner, Tenor.

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