

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 23

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. John Bergstrom is discussion leader following the service.

Upcoming Summer Speakers!

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, "Re-enchanting the World"

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

August 13: Rev. Sheldon Bennett (retired from Quincey, and member)

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Prelude, Almand, Courante (Suite no. 1 in G major) Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

Welcome Rev. Ann Fox

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 #187** It Sounds Along the Ages FAR OFF LANDS

Brief Announcements John Bergstrom

***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.

Greeting Your Neighbor

Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

Responsive Reading # 531 "The Oversoul" by Ralph Waldo Emerson John Bergstrom

Musical Meditation Music for a While Purcell
Music for a while shall all your cares beguile. Wond'ring how your pains were eas'd and disdain'g to be pleas'd till Alecto free the dead from their eternal bands, till the snakes drop from her head, and the whip from out her hands. (John Dryden and Nathaniel Lee)

Going Deeper

Modern Reading from *Jesus, Buddha, Krishna & Lao Tzu* by Richard Hooper Rev. Fox

Ancient Reading from The Vedas, the Hindu Scripture

Prayer

***Hymn # 1009** Meditation on Breathing (sung 5 times)

Sermon "The Buddhas in Our Gardens"

Offertory

Evening Hymn

Purcell

Now, now that the sun hath veil'd his light and bid the world goodnight; To the soft bed my body I dispose, but where shall my soul repose? Dear, dear God, even in Thy arms, and can there be any so sweet security! Then to thy rest, O my soul! And singing, praise the mercy that prolongs thy days. Hallelujah! (Dr. William Fuller)

*Doxology



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge

***Hymn # 1008** When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

*Benediction

Rev. Fox

Postlude

Minuet (Suite no. 1 in G major)

Purcell

*Please stand as you are able.

Personnel - Robert Winkley, Service Musician; Joshua Garvey, Countertenor.

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