

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 14

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Soul Matters, Parlor, 12:30 PM

Tuesday, May 16

Standing Committee Meeting, Auditorium, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 17

Sanctuary Boston, Chapel, 6:15 PM

Sunday, May 21

Men's Group, Parlor, 9:15 AM

Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM

Annual Meeting, Sanctuary, 12:30 PM

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**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.

The First Church Choir

Erin Anderson

Ethan Bremner

Joshua Garvey

Corey Hart

James Liu

Christine Teeters

Rebecca Teeters

William Thorpe

Li-Han "Lily" Tseng

Sarah Weinberg

Bob Winkley

Children's Religious Education

May 14 - 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.



WHERE LOVE &
WISDOM MEET

Sunday, May 14 2017

Today: Join Tim in the Parlor for "Soul Matters" – 12:30

Next Week: Annual Meeting, May 21

Following the service, featuring
this year's Rhys Williams Award recipient
and a fond & festive farewell to Paul Cienniwa, Music Director.

We need one more Marshall for the upcoming **Pride Parade in June**;

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.

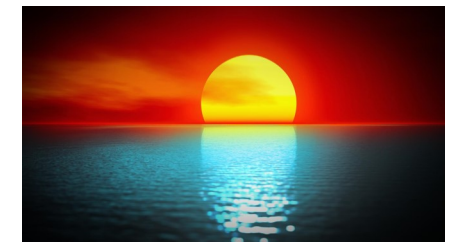
Our current RE teachers, Jasmine Baetz and Josi Flynn, are both leaving us next year to continue fine-arts studies out of the state. Our small RE program is poised for growth and our small attendees (and their families) are growing older, wiser, and more needful of broader programming. The FCB Standing Committee has authorized Doug Miller to form a committee of interested persons to create a job description for an RE educator, to plan for a search, and to discuss the RE programing and program funding needs. If you are interested, please contact Doug (demiller@mit.edu) or Rebecca Connell (beccajoyh@gmail.com).

There is a link for signing up under the Religious Education Group within the [FCB REALM](#) system.

Final Soulful Sundown:

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 A Voluntarie for my Ladye Nevell William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Welcome Diana Smith

***Hymn # 357** Bright Morning Stars CREDO

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 *The Giving Tree*, Shel Silverstein Rev. Tim House
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.

Brief Announcements Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Greeting One Another**

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Reading “Camas Lilies” by Lynn Ungar Rev. House

***Affirmation: Hymn # 16** ‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple SIMPLE GIFTS

Prayer Rev. Kendrick

Choral Meditation Anthem for First Church in Boston Nigel Harvey (2007)
Sweet the song that fills our hearts, Soothing sorrow’s tears; Bright the faith that springs from learning O’er three hundred years. Broad acceptance kindly found For each choice of way; Wealth in our diversity Through each and every day. Seek the godhead, find the path To a Power supreme; Mighty striving, searching, finding Life’s eternal dream. These the goals that fire our hearts, As we move through time; Joining us with fellowship, In harmony sublime.

Going Deeper

Reading Proverbs 31: 1, 10-31 Aisha Ansano

Responsive Reading # 587 “A Litany for Survival” by Audre Lorde

***Hymn # 1053** How Could Anyone

Sermon Being Enough Diana Smith

Offertory Ave Maria Franz Biebel (1906-2001)
The “Ave Maria,” also known as the “Angelic Salutation,” uses words taken from the Gospel of Luke: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” and “Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” Biebel’s setting intersperses these words with the “Angelus”, a devotional chant.

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

***Charge** Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 151** I Wish I Knew How MANDELA

***Benediction** Diana Smith

Postlude The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Narthex
Thank you to Sarah and David Razor for this Sunday’s coffee hour refreshments

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