

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 21
Men's Group, Parlor, 9:15 AM
Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM
Annual Meeting, Sanctuary, 12:30 PM
Sunday, May 28
Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Monday, May 29
MEMORIAL DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

**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.

Children's Religious Education

May 21 - Treading softly on earth:

Today we talk about living in balance with the earth, and read a story about what can happen when humans try to "fix" problems. We'll do an activity that helps us find our own balance, and balance with others around us.

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Sunday, May 21 2017

TODAY: Our Annual Meeting

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

Luncheon sandwiches provided by the Standing Committee

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 programming 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.

Memorial Day Weekend Service

Rev. Stephen Kendrick preaching with Aisha Ansano as liturgist.

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The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Veni Creator (1^{er} & 4^e verset) Jean Titelouze (1563-1633)

Welcome Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Hymn # 358** Rank by Rank Again We Stand REUNION

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 Diana Smith
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.

***Affirmation: Hymn** 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. Stephen Kendrick

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Reading “Politics, Morality and Civility”, Vaclav Havel Diana Smith

Choral Meditation My Shepherd Will Supply My Need William Bradbury (1816-1868), arr. Virgil Thompson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy’s sake In paths of truth and grace. (Psalm 23)

Unison Reading “Commitment”, Dorothy Day

Going Deeper

***Hymn # 124** Be That Guide WOODLAND

Sermon A Sense of Decency Rev. Kendrick

Offertory Sicut cervus desiderat Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
As the hart yearns for the water springs: so longs my soul for thee, O God! (Psalm 42:1)

This Sunday’s Special Collection is for UU Mass Action

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Our Closing, and Opening Prayer Rev. Tim House

Musical Meditation Postlude (from Liturgical Suite, Op. 69) Larry Thomas Bell (2004)

We will move immediately into our Annual Meeting, along with a fond farewell to Paul.

*Please stand as you are able.

Today’s flowers have been contributed by the Williams family in loving memory of the ministry of Rev. Rhys Williams, and in sincere appreciation for the musical contributions to our congregational life from Dr. Paul Cienniwa.

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