

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 28

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day: Office Closed

Sunday, June 4

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Social Justice Meeting, Conference Room, 12:30 PM

Children's R.E. Search Process Meeting, 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

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Children's Religious Education

May 28 - Making a difference:

Today we read a Thai folktale called "It's not my problem" that teaches us that all things are interconnected and that our action or lack of action does make a difference to the rest of the world. We'll make magic wands and talk about what we would do if we had magical abilities to solve problems, and then talk about concrete ways we can actually make a difference in those scenarios.

Sunday, May 28 2017

Save the Date: End of Church Year Picnic

following the service on June 11.

Please bring "picnic" pot luck items! Be creative!

The church is providing burgers (reg & veg), hotdogs and chips.

Also note: bring a flower for our **Annual Flower Communion** ceremony on June 11th.



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. **Say farewell to Jasmine following today's service.**

Next week: Diana Smith & Aisha Ansano will be sharing the pulpit... Plus the Back Bay Ringers!



After the June 4th Service, there will be a short meeting providing information about our on-going Children's RE Director's search process. Please join us!

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Dirge for Two Veterans Kurt Weill (1900-1950)
James Liu, bass-baritone

Welcome Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 210** Wade in the Water MCCREE

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 and a Presentation 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 Your Neighbor

***Affirmation # 169** We shall live in peace (Verse 4)

Brief Announcements Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Reading “In Our Souls Everything”, Antonio Machado Aisha Ansano

Choral Meditation Because I Could Not Stop For Death Leo Collins (1994)
Leo Collins was Music Director at First Church in Boston from 1964 to 1997 and is currently the Church Historian. His “hymn anthem for memorial days” is based on Emily Dickinson’s famous poem. The first stanza reads, “Because I could not stop for Death—He kindly stopped for me—The Carriage held but just Ourselves—And Immortality.”

Reading “PAX”, D.H. Lawrence Rev. Kendrick

Unison Reading # 487 Roberto Juarroz

Going Deeper

Prayer Aisha Ansano

***Hymn** The Navy Hymn (See Insert) MELITA

Sermon Well Being Rev. Kendrick

Offertory Ave verum corpus, Op. 65, No. 1 Gabriel Fauré (1845-1925)
Ave verum corpus is a short Eucharistic hymn that has been set to music by many composers, including William Byrd and, even more famously, Mozart. The hymn text is based on a poem derived from a 14th-century manuscript that tells of Christian redemption through the suffering of all believers.

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge Aisha Ansano

Hymn # 39 Bring, O Morn, Thy Music NICAEA

Benediction

Postlude Prelude, Op. 32 no. 12, g-sharp minor Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Nancy Atwood for hosting today’s coffee hour.
Special thanks to today’s guest music director, pianist Bob Winkley

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