

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 7

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
 Social Justice Meeting, Auditorium, 12:30 PM
 Music Search Committee, C.R., 12:30 PM

Tuesday, May 9

Environmental Affinity Group, Parlor, 6:00 PM
 Awakening to Joy, Chapel, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 10

Soulful Sundown: Dinner Church, Chapel, 6:15 PM

**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.

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO), Thursday evening, May 18:

GBIO's annual YUGE Delegates Assembly at Temple Israel from 7 to 9 PM, a short walk from the Longwood T stop on the Green Line. First Church Boston is proud to be an active member of GBIO (www.GBIO.org). For almost 20 years GBIO has worked to tear down walls that divide and build bridges that unite. Join our First Church delegation and a room full of hundreds of Christians, Jews, and Muslims from throughout the city and suburbs to take action on social justice issues of importance to us all. Contact rosemarykean@yahoo.com for questions.

Children's Religious Education

May 7 - Do Unto Others:

Today we read the story of "The Good Samaritan," and discuss the story using the golden rule role play scenarios, remembering that compassion is relating to how another person or living being feels and opening your heart to their need.

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WHERE LOVE &
 WISDOM MEET

Reception for Eleanor Williams

7 Chestnut Street, May 13th, 2017, 3-5pm

(Eleanor will also be with us on May 21st)

RSVP to the church office:

jennifer@firstchurchboston.org/617-267-6730

Today, 12:15 in the Auditorium join us for an expanded 'coffee hour' and sermon discussion. Depending on time and interest we will also

view Rev. Rosemary McNatt's Minns lecture given on April 1st this year on the topic 'Historical and Future Trajectories of Black Lives Matter and Unitarian Universalism'.

Sponsored by First Church Social Justice Community- all welcome!

Save the Date: Annual Meeting, May 21

Featuring New Member Welcoming, this years' Rhys Williams Award recipient and a farewell to Paul Cienniwa, Music Director.

We need two Marshalls for the upcoming **Pride Parade**,

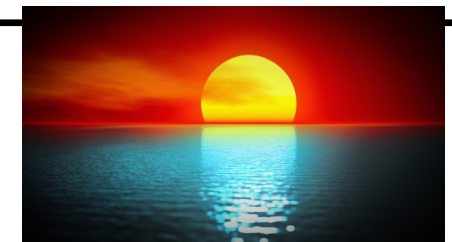
Brief training meeting required. Email Katie at katie.mcquage@gmail.com

Save the Date: End of Church Year Picnic following the service on June 11.

Final Soulful Sundowns:

May 10— Dinner Church with Aisha Ansano
 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

Gathering Music Vater unser, Op. 2 (Nos. 2, 5, 9) Peter Cornelius (1824-1874) James Liu, baritone

Subtitled "nine sacred songs," Cornelius composed nine short meditations based on phrases from the Gregorian chant setting of the Lord's Prayer. (No. 2: Hallowed be Thy name; No. 5: Give us this day our daily bread; No. 9: Deliver us from evil.)

Welcome Rev. Tim House

Chalice Lighting & Invocation Mary Ellen Normen Dunn 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.

*Song Keep On Moving Forward Emma's Revolution (Please see insert)

Time for All Ages Rev. 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.

*Greeting One Another

Brief Announcements

Reading on White Supremacy, by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. Reflection Aisha Ansano

Choral Meditation Hymn to the Unknown God Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Bob Winkley, pianist

He, the Primal one, Begetter of the universe, Begotten in mystery, Lord of created things, Lord of heaven and earth. Who is He? How shall we name Him when we offer sacrifice? He, through whom are the Primeval waters which were before aught else. From their depths arose Fire, the source of Life. He, upholder of earth and sea, of snow clad heights, encompassing the wide regions of air, Ruling the sky and realms of light. He whose word is eternal Giver of breath and life and power. Sole ruler of the universe. Dwelling alone in His grandeur: To whom the gods bow. Lord of Death Whose path is life immortal! (Rigveda)

Reading The Invisibility Of Whiteness And The Privileges Of A Racist System, john a. powell Reflection Diana Smith

Affirmation We Are Building A New World (Please see insert)

Prayer Aisha Ansano

Offertory To Every Thing There is a Season Granville Bantock (1868-1946) To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to cast away; A time to rend, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

* Doxology



Reading I, Too by Langston Hughes Reflection Rev. House

Song # 1037 Litany Of Atonement

Poem "Allegiance" from Crave Radiance, by Elizabeth Alexander

Song Keep On Moving Forward Emma's Revolution

* Charge Diana Smith

* Sung Benediction # 402 From You I Receive

Postlude Exsultet coelum (3e verset) Jean Titelouze (1563-1633) French baroque composer Titelouze based many of his organ works on Gregorian chant. This chant begins, "Let the round world with songs rejoice; Let Heaven return the joyful voice."

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Narthex. Thank you to Ann and Taft Murray for this Sunday's coffee hour refreshments.

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