

## WEEKS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, November 12th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Learning Community Meeting, Auditorium, 12:00 PM

Environmental Justice Affinity Group, Parlor, 12:30 PM

Soul Matters, Minister's Office, 12:30 PM

### Wednesday, November 15th

Soulful Sundown: Sanctuary Boston, Chapel, 6:15 PM

### Sunday, November 19th

Men's Group, Parlor, 9:15 AM

Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM

Learning Community: Paul Kendrick, Auditorium, 12:30 PM

*\*Denotes a non-church event, open to the public.*

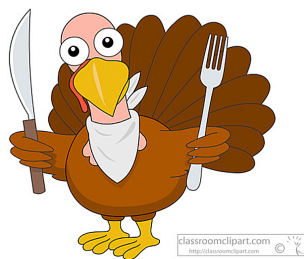
*Check out the newly updated bulletin board in the Narthex for information about The Social Justice Community's work and how you can get involved.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

Turkeys needed - also volunteers to help with set-up, break-down and above all to serve our guests.

Thursday November 23 - Meal begins at 12:00 noon.

Sign up in Narthex, or see Mike Sullivan, the man in the turkey hat!



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WHERE LOVE &  
WISDOM MEET

**Sunday, November 12 2017**

Rev. Stephen Kendrick: "Living on a Chance"

Next Week: Thanksgiving Service and Hymn Festival  
"The Roads of the Earth"

**Soulful Sundowns are Wednesdays at 6:15**

**THIS WEDNESDAY November 15th: Sanctuary Boston**

- ~ 1st Wednesdays are **Vespers**, a reflective service;
- ~ 2nd Wednesdays are **Dinner church**, a meal-centered service;
- ~ 3rd Wednesdays are **Sanctuary Boston**, vibrant music, real connection;
- ~ 4th Wednesdays are **Open Spirit**, an arts-based service.

\* No Open Spirit on Wednesday Nov 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving. It will take place on November 29th instead.

**Sunday, November 19:**

**"Taking on Prejudices"**

*Learning from Hopeful Examples of Interracial Collaboration in History and the Present*

Paul Kendrick

12:30pm in the Auditorium; lunch at 12:15pm (suggested donation \$5)

For your calendar...

**Holiday Potluck— Saturday December 9th**



## The Order of Service

### We Gather Together

**Gathering Music** Suite Breve Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

**Welcome** Rev. Tim House

**\*Hymn # 287** Faith of the Larger Liberty MIT FREUDEN ZART

### 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** Rev. House

Children of new and returning families are invited to join Aisha 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 # 348** Guide My Feet (one verse only):  
"Stand by me, while I run this race;  
Stand by me, while I run this race;  
Stand by me, while I run this race;  
For I don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain..."

**Brief Announcements** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

### Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

**Musical Meditation** Love is Little arr. Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

**Responsive Reading # 704** We Gather in Reverence , by Sophia Lyon Fahs

**Reading** "The Crucial Issues" , by Howard Thurman Rev. Kendrick

### Going Deeper

**A Time of Prayerful Reflection on Violence** Diana Smith

*Please join us to reflect on the presence and impact of violence in our country and our lives. We will be holding our annual vigil for victims of gun violence on December 14.*

**\*Hymn # 52** In Sweet Fields of Autumn CRADLE SONG

**Sermon** "Living on a Chance" Rev. Kendrick

**Offertory** Do Not Be Afraid Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

### \*Doxology



### Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

**Charge** Diana Smith

**\*Hymn # 76** For Flowers That Bloom about Our Feet WAS GOTT THUT

**\*Benediction** Rev. Kendrick

**Postlude** Postlude in C Minor Ernst Friedrich Richter (1808-1879)

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Thank you to this Sunday's coffee hour hosts John and Lynne Benson.  
The sign-up sheet is out if you can volunteer for 2018 coffee hours.**

### Connect with us!

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