

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 17

Men's Group, Parlor, 9:15 AM

Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM

Tuesday, September 19

Standing Committee Meeting, Auditorium, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 20

Sanctuary Boston, Chapel, 6:15 PM

Sunday, September 24

Margaret Shepherd Exhibit Opening, Narthex, 10:00 AM

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

**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.

Soul Matters Sharing Circles will be recommencing in a few weeks. The groups meet once a month, and members share personal reflections on a particular theme. We take turns listening deeply to one another, as well as offering each other the time and space to speak from our own deepest selves. The process has proven to be very moving and powerful. The themes for this year are: Welcome, Courage, Abundance, Hope, Intention, Perseverance, Balance, Emergence, Creativity, Blessing. We hope you'll join us.

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Church Year 2017-18 Begins!

September 17: Charter Day Interfaith Service



Rev. Kendrick "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts"
Chowder and soup to follow, on the porch to celebrate!

WHERE LOVE &
WISDOM MEET

September 24: Rev. Stephen Kendrick, "Can Beauty Save Us?"

Learning Community with Margaret Shepherd



Calligraphy by Margaret Shepherd © Based on diverse translations

Soulful Sundowns, which are Wednesdays at 6:15, start again on September 20 with Sanctuary Boston.

- ~ 1st Wednesdays are **Vespers**
- ~ 2nd Wednesdays are **Dinner church**
- ~ 3rd Wednesdays are **Sanctuary**
- ~ 4th Wednesdays are **Open Spirit**, which is an arts-based service

The Equinox Service will be on Friday September 22nd this year, at 6:15pm in the Hale Chapel. Please join us for this annual service of live music, poetry and prayer, as we celebrate the turning of the seasons from abundance and light toward darkness and reflection.

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Meditation, op. 31, no 7 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Welcome Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Hymn # 290** Bring, O Past, Your Honor NICAEA

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 Lara Profitt
Children of new and returning families are invited to join Lara 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.

Welcome to our Special Guests for Charter Day

***Affirmation # 16** ‘Tis a Gift to be Simple

Responsive Reading # 529 “The Stream of Life,” Rabindranath Tagore

Brief Announcements

Greeting Your Neighbor

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Musical Meditation The X Commandments John Farmer (c. 1570-1601), arr. P.Cienniwa

Reading Thich Nhat Hanh; May Sarton; Steven Biko Rev. Kendrick and Rev. House

Going Deeper

Prayer Rev. House

***Hymn # 17** Every Night and Every Morn THE CALL

Sermon “The Commonwealth of Massachusetts ” Rev. Kendrick

Offertory Sing We Merrily Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge Rev. House

***Hymn # 350** The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time MCKEE

***Benediction**

Postlude Carillon, op. 31, no. 21 Vierne

*Please stand as you are able.

**Please plan on signing up for coffee hour refreshments this year.
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