

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 3
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.

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Our summer services are in our air-conditioned Hale Chapel. Come and hear exciting speakers and musicians. Take a break from the heat and get cool during summer at First Church!



Final Summer Speaker

September 3: Aisha Ansano, Ministerial Intern, "Benevolent Rage"

... and then Church Year 2017-18 Begins!

September 10: Gathering Service, Rev. Stephen Kendrick, "Emergency,"

~plus~

Water Communion and Introduction of New Staff Members

September 17: Charter Day Interfaith Service--Rev. Kendrick preaching

Chowder and soup to follow, on the porch to celebrate!

The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Piano Blues no. 1 Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Welcome Aisha Ansano

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.

***Hymn # 1028** The Fire of Commitment

The Work of Community

Brief Announcements Aisha Ansano

***Affirmation** Spirit of Life

Greeting Your Neighbor

Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

Responsive Reading Rev. Bill Sinkford

We are a gentle and generous people. But let us not forget our anger.

May it fuel not only our commitment to compassion but also our commitment to make fundamental changes.

Our vision of the Beloved Community must stand against a vision that would allow the privilege of the few to be accepted as just and even holy.

Our religious vision must again and again ask "Who is my neighbor?" and strive always to include more and more of us..

As we intone the words that gave birth to this nation, "We the people..." We are, and we should be, both a gentle, and an angry people.

***Hymn # 170** We Are a Gentle, Angry People (verses 1, 2, 3, 6, 1)

Unison Reading # 706 Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Musical Meditation *Shadows* William Thorpe, words and music (2017)

Going Deeper

Prayer Aisha Ansano

Reading Choose to Bless the World, Rev. Rebecca Ann Parker

Sermon Benevolent Rage Aisha Ansano

Offertory Piano Blues no. 3 Aaron Copland

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 1017** Building a New Way

***Benediction**

Postlude *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* Larry Thomas Bell music on a text by Langston Hughes (2016)

*Please stand as you are able.

Guest Musicians - Larry Thomas Bell, piano; William Thorpe, bass-baritone.

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