

**First Church in Boston
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
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*Broadcast 11:00 am to noon on WERS, 88.9FM, Vivian Borek, announcer
Streamed on Facebook @firstchurchboston, Craig Hildreth, audio and video engineer
Masha Stepanova, video editor*

Dr. Robert August, Director of Music; guest musicians Robert Winkley, piano; Dolores August, flute; William Thorpe, soloist; hymns will be performed by Lily Tseng, mezzo-soprano, and Atsuko Kida, piano.

Prelude Serenade to a Doll (Children's Corner) Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Robert Winkley, piano

Opening Words Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Hymn # 32 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell Daniel Lawlor

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.

Time For All Ages Daniel Lawlor

Go Now in Peace

Responsive Reading # 643 "Shout for Joy," from Psalm 65 Daniel Lawlor

Musical Meditation "Where Restless Crowds Are Thronging" David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
Dolores August, flute

Reading "Fearful Joy," by Rabindranath Tagore Daniel Lawlor

Announcements Daniel Lawlor

Hymn # 106 Who Would True Valor See
MONK'S GATE

Prayer and Meditation Daniel Lawlor

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Sermon "What Are People Looking For?" Rev. Kendrick

Who would true valor see, let them come hither;
one here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement shall make me once relent
my first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset me 'round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound; my strength the more is.
No lion can me fright, I'll with a giant fight,
but I shall have a right to be a pilgrim.

No word of foe or friend can daunt my spirit;
I know I at the end will life inherit.
Then fancies fly away; I'll not fear what they say;
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Offertory "Sure on This Shining Night"

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed,
All is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wand'ring far alone
Of shadows on the
Stars.
On this shining
Night.

Hymn # 29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;

hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.