

**First Church in Boston
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
Sunday, August 1, 2021**

*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*

*Guest Preacher Rev. Aisha Ansano
Guest Musicians Robert Winkley, service musician; Ethan Bremner, tenor;
William Thorpe, bass*

Prelude Sonata no. 51 in D major, Andante Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Opening Words “Be Still With Me and Enter” by Rev. Marta Valentin Rev. Aisha Ansano

Hymn # 18 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell Rev. Ansano

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 “A Quiet Place” by Douglas Wood Rev.
Ansano

Reading “Expect Life” by Elizabeth Tarbox Rev. Ansano

Musical Meditation “Total Eclipse” from *Samson* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Ethan Bremner, tenor
Robert Winkley, pianist

Reading Night Prayer, from the New Zealand Prayer Book Rev. Ansano

Announcements

Hymn # 101 Abide With Me EVENTIDE

Prayer and Meditation Rev.
Ansano

Affirmation # 1031 Loving Kindness

Sermon “Rest is Resistance” Rev. Ansano

Offertory “Sure on This Shining Night” op. 13 no. 3
Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Ethan Bremner, tenor
Robert Winkley, pianist

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Hymn # 1009 Meditation on Breathing
Willilam Thorpe, bass

Benediction
Ansano

Rev.

Postlude Sonata no. 51 in D major, Presto Franz Joseph Haydn

Please note, this order of service may vary from the actual broadcast service.

Hymn Texts, Lyrics (8/1/21)

Hymn # 18 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
and takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,
to love and to all friends I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

Musical Meditation "Total Eclipse" from *Samson* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

O loss of sight, of thee I most complain!
Oh, worse than beggary, old age, or chains!

My very soul in real darkness dwells!

Total eclipse! No sun, no moon!
All dark amidst the blaze of noon!
Oh glorious light, no cheering ray
to glad my eyes with welcome day!
Why thus depriv'd thy prime decree?
Sun, moon, and stars are dark to me.

Hymn # 101

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; still with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changes not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Affirmation # 1031 Loving Kindness

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...

Offertory

“Sure on This Shining Night” op. 13 no. 3

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Words by James Agee

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade 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

Wandering far alone

Of shadows on the stars.

Hymn # 1009

Meditation on Breathing

When I breathe in,

I'll breathe in peace.

When I breathe out,

I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out,

Breathe in, Breathe out