

**First Church in Boston
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
Sunday, August 8, 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 Katie McQuage-Loukas,
Guest Musicians Larry Thomas Bell, pianist; Jennifer Webb, mezzo-soprano;
Thomas Gregg, tenor*

Prelude Prelude in c# minor, *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 1*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Opening Words Katie McQuage-Loukas

Hymn # 126 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell Rev. Aisha 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 “The Long Loneliness” by Dorothy Day
Katie McQuage-Loukas

Musical Meditation *Parables of Love and Death* (2021) based on poems by
Emily Dickinson Larry Thomas Bell (b. 1952)
#7 Unable are the Loved to Die
Jennifer Webb—mezzo soprano
Larry Bell—pianist

Announcements Rev.
Ansano

Hymn # 1017 Building a New Way

Reading From *A House for Hope* by Rebecca Parker
Katie McQuage-Loukas

Prayer and Meditation Katie McQuage-
Loukas

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Sermon “Love and Solidarity” Katie McQuage-Loukas

Offertory

Parables of Love and Death (2021) based on poems by
Emily Dickinson
Larry Thomas Bell
#12 I keep my pledge
Jennifer Webb—mezzo soprano
Thomas Gregg—tenor
Larry Bell—pianist

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Hymn # 121

We'll Buid a Land

CREATION OF PEACE

Benediction

Katie McQuage-Loukas

Postlude

Fugue in c# minor, *The Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 1*
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Hymn Texts (8/8/21)**Hymn # 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

Hymn # 1017

Building a New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

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.

Hymn # 121

We'll Buid a Land

CREATION OF PEACE

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus)

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.

And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.

(Chorus)

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.

(Chorus)

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.

(Chorus)