

**First Church in Boston**

Unitarian Universalist

*Gathered 1630 ≈ Gathering Today  
in Friendship, Freedom and Love*

**Sunday, November 9, 2008**



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**Order of Service**  
Sunday, November 9, 2008

**Prelude**                                      *Three Pieces, Op. 34*                                      Karl Henning (b. 1960)  
*Boston-based composer Karl Henning has served as the Composer-in-Residence at Boston's Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, and he is an occasional choral singer here at First Church.*

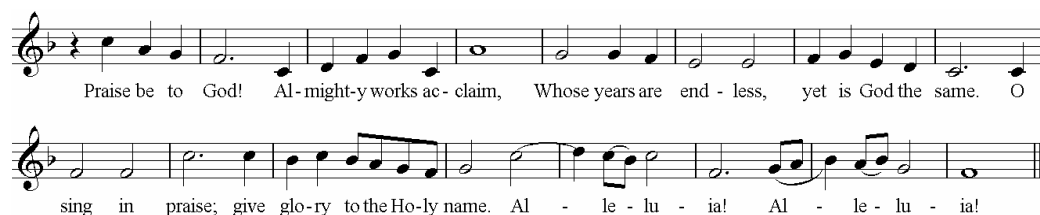
**Welcome and Announcements**                                      Rev. Rosemary Lloyd

**\*Hymn # 187**                                      It Sounds Along the Ages                                      FAR OFF LANDS

**Chalice Words**                                      Rev. Stephen Kendrick

**Time For All Ages**                                      "The Safety of Dried Beans"                                      Ruth Owen

**\*Gloria**



Praise be to God! Al-might-y works ac-claim, Whose years are end-less, yet is God the same. O  
sing in praise; give glo-ry to the Ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Responsive Reading #646**                                      The Larger Circle                                      Richard Chinman

**Anthem**                                      *Ave verum corpus*                                      William Byrd (c.1540-1623)  
*This motet, probably the most famous work from Byrd's vast choral output, is based on a short Eucharistic hymn dating from the 14th-century. Byrd, a Roman Catholic spared from persecution through the grace of Queen Elizabeth, set the text in high relief, painfully expressing the suffering and sacrifice of "the true body": verum corpus.*

**Reading**                                      "Hope, Not Optimism"  
by Bruce J. Marshall                                      Rev. Stephen Kendrick

**\*Hymn # 6**                                      Just as Long as I Have Breath                                      NICHT SO TRAUIG

**Prayer**                                      Rev. Rosemary Lloyd

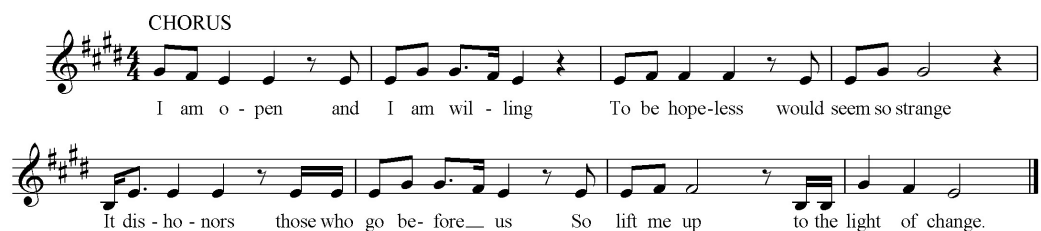
**Offertory**

*I Am Willing*

Holly Near (b. 1949)

Christine Teeters, soprano

CHORUS



I am o - pen and I am wil - ling To be hope-less would seem so strange  
It dis - ho - nors those who go be- fore\_ us So lift me up to the light of change.

**\*Doxology** *“From all that dwell below the skies, Let Faith and Hope with Love arise, Let Beauty, Truth and Good be sung Through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue.”*

**Sermon**

Imagine That!

Robin Tanner

**\*Hymn # 212**

We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle

JACOB’S LADDER

**Benediction**

Robin Tanner

**Postlude**

*Fantasia and Fugue, a minor, BWV 561*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Flowers this week are given in loving memory of*

*Robert James Gnecco*

*From his family*

\*As you are able, please stand.

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**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the narthex.  
Visitors are invited to take a blue cup so that we may recognize and welcome you.**

Childcare for any age child is in the John Winthrop School.

Due to recent incidents, please do not leave valuable personal property on the coat rack.

We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen property.

**Events and Information**  
(please see your newsletter for details)

**Sunday, November 9**

9:30 am, Caring Network, Conference Room  
10:00 am, House Committee Meeting, Parlor  
10:30 am, Singing Circle, Hale Chapel  
12:00 pm, Women's Federation, Parlor  
12:30, Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room

**Monday, November 10**

6:00 pm, Purls of Wisdom Knitting Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, November 11**

Veteran's Day, Church Office Closed  
6:00 pm, Zen Meditation Group, Hale Chapel

**Wednesday, November 12**

6:00 pm, Learning Community

**Thursday, November 13**

6:00 pm, Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor  
7:00 pm, Young Adults Group, Hale Chapel

**Friday, November 14**

6:30 pm, Family Social Action Night

**Sunday, November 16**

9:15 am, Men's Group, Conference Room of Park House  
12:30 pm, Adult RE Committee, Parlor  
6:00 pm, Circle Worship, Young Adults, Hale Chapel

**Monday, November 17**

6:30 pm, The David Saga, Hale Chapel

**Tuesday, November 18**

6:00 pm, Zen Meditation Group, Hale Chapel  
6:00 pm, Social Justice Pot Luck

**Wednesday, November 19**

6:00 pm, Learning Community

**Senior Minister**

Rev. Stephen Kendrick

**Associate Minister**

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**The First Church Choir**

**Soprano:** Angela Henstra,  
Vanessa Isiguen, Christine  
Teeters, Rebecca Teeters

**Alto:** Carola Emrich-Fisher,  
Christina English, Roberta  
Gilbert

**Tenor:** Ethan Bremner, Chris  
Mahoney, Larry Phillips

**Bass:** David Frieze, Bill Thorpe,  
Bob Winkley