Upcoming Services

Sunday, March 22, 2020
Rev. Stephen Kendrick
“Being Good Enough”

Sunday, March 29, 2020
Rev. Stephen Kendrick
“Repaint, Repaint!”

Ways to Participate in the Life of First Church

Flower Donations
Wouldn’t it be great to have the opportunity to add beauty to the Sanctuary in honor, or in memory, of someone you love? Or, in recognition of a meaningful event in your life? We invite members of the congregation to offer a flower arrangement for the chancel table for Sunday worship. The person or event being honored, or in whose memory the gift has been given, will be noted in the order of service. Those offering the flowers may either arrange for the flowers to be delivered from a florist of their choosing, or request that the office do so, and then simply write a check to cover the cost. Please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet Sunday morning, along with a Sunday date that you’d like to make your gift, or simply email office@firstchurchboston.org.

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 11:00 AM
Daniel Lawlor, Ministerial Intern
“From Selma to Boston”

Next Sunday, March 22, 2020
Rev. Stephen Kendrick
“Being Good Enough”

50th anniversary commemoration of “Bloody Sunday”
Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma, Alabama
WE GATHER TOGETHER

Gathering Music  Variations on “Freu dich sehr”  Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Call to Worship  Rev. Stephen Kendrick

* Hymn  # 168  One More Step  ONE MORE STEP

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.

THE WORK OF COMMUNITY

Time for All Ages  Hyunwoo Koo

Song to the Children  Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Responsive Reading  # 610  “The Journey of Love,” Mohammed Iqbal

Brief Announcements  Rev. Kendrick

Greeting Your Neighbor

FINDING OURSELVES IN THE WORLD’S STORY

Reading  Selection from “The Man Who Was a Fool,” a sermon by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Affirmation  # 123  Spirit of Life

GOING DEEPER

Musical Meditation  Jubilate Deo  Orlando di Lasso (1552-1594)

Prayer  Katie McQuage-Loukas

* Hymn  # 1031  Filled with Loving Kindness

Sermon  “From Selma to Boston”  Daniel Lawlor

Offertory  Vater unser, im Himmelreich  Georg Böhm

* Doxology

ENGAGING THE WORLD IN SERVICE AND THANKS

* Charge  Hyunwoo Koo

* Hymn  # 1021  Lean on Me  Daniel Lawlor

* Benediction

Postlude  Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537/I1  Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The postlude may be enjoyed from either downstairs or the organ balcony. Those who wish to be closer to the organ are invited to come up during the postlude.

* Please stand as you are able.

Please join us for coffee or tea in the Narthex after the service. Due to the corona virus, the accompanying snacks have been suspended. Thanks for your understanding; we hope things will be back to normal soon.

In Case of Emergency: Please familiarize yourself with the three exits from the sanctuary: the door through which you entered, the exit at left center used by the choir, and the one at the front left leading to the church office.