

## WEEKS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 15th

Meditation, Conference Room, 10:15 AM  
Collaborative Art Project with John Tracey, John Winthrop School,  
Church Lower Level, 11:15 AM  
Social Justice Committee House Meeting, Auditorium, 12:15 PM  
Diana Smith Internship Meeting, Parlor, 12:30 PM

### Monday, April 16th

Patriot's Day – Church Closed

### Sunday, April 22nd

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM  
Social Justice Committee House Meeting, Chapel, 12:15 PM  
Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 12:30 PM  
Art & Spirit Workshop w/ Karen Hering, Auditorium, 12:45 PM

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Social Justice House Meetings- **12:15 today** in the auditorium and ending at 1 PM (1:10 if we start late). Please join us to give your feedback re what justice issues are at the top of your list, ie "what wakes you up at night". If you can't make it today come **next Sunday, same time.**

Next Social Justice Committee meeting, Sunday, May 6 at 12:30.

*Connie Hill's Memorial Service, Saturday April 28th, 1:00 PM, FCB*

*Leo Collins' Memorial Service, Saturday May 12th, 11:00 AM, FCB*

*Diana Smith's Ordination, Sunday May 20th, 6:30 PM, FCB*

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### The First Church Choir

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Rebecca Teeters  
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## Sunday April 15, 2018

Today: Diana Smith

"You Are Here: An Earth Day Celebration "

And... A Collaborative Art Project With John Tracey  
11:15am to 2:00pm, John Winthrop School downstairs

*Have some creative fun with master artist John Tracey, as he guides us in creating a collaborative work of art.*

Next Week: Karen Hering

"Living on the Threshold"

Art & Spirit - Workshop led by Karen Hering  
April 22, 2018 - 12:45pm, in the Auditorium

In guided writing sessions, retreats and workshops, and now in her award winning book "Writing to Wake the Soul", Karen Hering invites you to engage writing as a spiritual practice and a tool for social change. Drawing from the wisdom of world religions and folklore, history, science and literature, Karen's reflections and writing prompts will guide you in exploring your own life and articulating the difficult and illuminating questions of our time.

An ordained UU Minister, Karen's ministry is sharing the gift of writing as a spiritual practice.



## The Order of Service

### We Gather Together

**Gathering Music** As Torrents in Summer Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

**Welcome** Diana Smith

\* **Hymn # 1064** Blue Boat Home

### 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

**Brief Announcements** Rev. Aisha Ansano

### Greeting Your Neighbor

**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.*

### Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

**Reading** from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau Rev. Ansano

**Musical Meditation** Slender Young Birch Antonín Dvorák (1841-1904)

**Reading** from *Black Walden* by Elise Lemire Rev. Tim House

**Unison Reading** "What Do the Tall Trees Say," by Wendell Berry

*What do the tall trees say  
To the late havocs in the sky?  
They sigh.  
The air moves, and they sway.  
When the breeze on the hill  
Is still, then they stand still.  
They wait.  
They have no fear. Their fate  
Is faith. Birdsong  
Is all they've wanted, all along.*

### Earth Day Ribbon Ritual

*What do you love and hope to never lose to climate chaos? What will you treasure and protect? Write a few words, a phrase, or a sentence on a ribbon with your name. We'll invite everyone forward to tie your ribbon to a tree. If you want, you can read your sentence aloud. At the end of April we'll send our ribbons to the UU Ministry for Earth to become part of the Climate Ribbon Chalice Installation.*

Diana Smith

### Going Deeper

**Prayer** Rev. House

\* **Hymn # 1068** Rising Green

**Sermon** "You Are Here" Diana Smith

**Offertory** Brinos Es... Alfreds Kalnins (1879-1951)  
James Liu, bass

### \*Doxology



### Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

\* **Charge** Rev. Ansano

\* **Hymn # 163** For the Earth Forever Turning

\***Benediction** Diana Smith

**Postlude** Brande Champanje Anonymous

\*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to FCB's Trustees for this Sunday's Coffee Hour refreshments.

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### Minns Spring 2018: Three Lectures by Samira K. Mehta The Religiously Complex Congregation in the Religiously Complex World

Professor Samira K. Mehta is a scholar of religion and the politics of the American family. She is particularly interested in how families create meaning, about their practices, identities, and senses of morality and how, in turn, outside forces (religious leaders and institutions, politicians, and creators of popular culture) construct the American family through theology, legislation, and public discourse.

Final Lecture:

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 pm: Beyond Christmukkah, King's Chapel Parish House, [64 Beacon St., Boston, MA](#)