

## WEEKS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, August 19th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM  
Post-service Discussion, Chapel, 12:30 PM

### Sunday, August 26th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM  
Post-service Discussion, Chapel, 12:30 PM

### Social Justice August Event

The **GBIO Candidates Forum** is coming soon! It is happening on Thursday, August 23 at 7 PM at the Boston Teachers Union. This is our opportunity to hear directly from district attorney candidates for Suffolk County and also from candidates for Governor. Because our primary is on Tuesday, Sept. 4 there is not much time left for discernment and decision-making. Our First Church commitment is to send 18 people, *at least*, to this GBIO Assembly. GBIO's mantra is that our power comes from "organized people and organized money". Turning out in large numbers for this event with candidates will build our power and help us to accomplish more for affordable housing, criminal justice reform, health care, and new issues currently being considered as a result of the house meetings just completed by First Church and GBIO's 40 member organizations.

**We need 5 more of us to step up to complete our roster of 18.** This is a great opportunity for anyone who hasn't yet experienced GBIO to do so, even though it requires interrupting August's usual vacation mode! Look for an email invitation or contact Rosemary Kean at [rosemarykean510@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarykean510@gmail.com). Thanks for considering joining in this effort to make our community more compassionate and just.

Also, the **Boston Teacher's Union is a new venue** for GBIO and is located at 180 Mt Vernon St. in the Bayside Expo building in Dorchester, off Morrissey Blvd. We will arrange transportation from the church.

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## Sunday August 19, 2018

This Week: Rev. Sheldon Bennett, Minister Emeritus  
"Stephen Hawking, the Universe, and Us"

### August & September Speakers:

~ Beth Curran, member

~ Rev. Mark Harris, minister in Watertown

**September 9th: Church services move back to the Sanctuary**



## The Order of Service

### We Gather Together

**Gathering Music**                      Gute Nacht (Die Winterreise)                      Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*A stranger I came, a stranger I go again. May favored me with many a bunch of flowers. The girl spoke of love, her mother even of marriage - now the world is so gloomy, the path shrouded in snow. For my journey I cannot choose my time; I must find my own way in this darkness. A shadow in the moonlight travels along as my companion, and in the white fields I seek wild animals' tracks.*

### Welcome

### 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.

\* Hymn # 163                      For the Earth Forever Turning                      BLUE-GREEN HILLS OF EARTH

### The Work of Community

#### Announcements

**Affirmation**                      Spirit of Life

**Responsive Reading #530**                      "Out of the Stars", Robert T. Weston

**Readings**                      from The Grand Design, by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow  
From What Are We Doing Here?, by Marilynne Robinson

### Greeting Your Neighbor

### Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

**Musical Meditation**                      Der Lindenbaum (Die Winterreise)                      Schubert

*By the well outside the gate stands a linden tree; in its shade I dreamt so many sweet dreams. In its bark I carved so many tender words; in joy and sorrow I was constantly drawn to it. Tonight once more I had to walk past in pitch blackness, then in the dark again shut my eyes And its branches rustled as if calling to me: "Come here to me, young fellow, here you will find your rest!" The cold winds blew straight into my face; my hat flew off my head, I did not turn. Now I am several hours from that place, and still I hear it rustling: "You would find rest there!"*

**Unison Reading # 499**                      "And I have felt a presence", William Wordsworth

**Prayer**                      Rev. Sheldon Bennett

### Going Deeper

\* Hymn # 92                      Mysterious Presence, Source of All                      WAREHAM

**Sermon**                      "Stephen Hawking, the Universe, and Us"                      Rev. Bennett

**Offertory**                      Der Leiermann (Die Winterreise)                      Schubert

*Over there beyond the village stands a hurdy-gurdy man, and with numb fingers he winds as best he can. He staggers around, barefoot on the ice, and his little plate always stays empty. No one wants to hear him, no one looks at him, and the dogs growl around the old man. And he lets it pass, lets everything be. Winds, and his hurdy-gurdy never stays still. Strange old man, should I come with you? Will you grind your hurdy-gurdy to my songs?*

### \*Doxology



### Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

\* Charge                      Rev. Bennett

\* Hymn # 1064                      Blue Boat Home

\* Benediction                      Rev. Bennett

**Postlude**                      La neige danse (Children's Corner)                      Claude Debussy (1862 - 1918)

\*Please stand as you are able.

Pianist: Robert Winkley; Soloist: Ethan Bremner

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### Upcoming Summer Speakers:

**August 26** Beth Curran, member

**September 2** Labor Day, Rev. Mark Harris, minister in Watertown and UU historian

{{ALSO}}

**September 9— Interfaith Celebration of the Historic Bostons**  
**September 16— Gathering Service, featuring Water Communion**