

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
Sunday, August 9, 2020, from the Sanctuary

This service is broadcast live, 11:00 am to noon, on WERS 88.9FM, Vivian Borek, announcer.

Streamed live on Facebook @firstchurchboston, Craig Hildreth, audio engineer.

Prelude Menuet; Sarabande (*French Suite, no. 6, BWV 817*)
Robert Winkley, piano Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Opening Words Daniel Lawlor

Hymn #134 Our World is One World CHERNOBYL

Chalice Lighting Daniel Lawlor

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.

Poem for All Ages Corey Spaley

Unison Reading # 529 "The Stream of Life" by Rabindranath Tagore Vivian Borek

Musical Meditation "Flower Duet" from *Lakmé* Léo Delibes (1836 - 1891)
Christine Teeters, Rebecca Teeters, sopranos; Robert Winkley, piano

Announcements Daniel Lawlor

Responsive Reading # 590 Psalm 126, interpreted by Daniel Berrigan Vivian Borek

Prayer and Meditation Daniel Lawlor

Affirmation # 352 Find a Stillness SIGISMUND

Sermon "Find Peace, Keep Present" Daniel Lawlor

Offertory "For Good" from *Wicked* Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)
Christine Teeters, Rebecca Teeters, sopranos; Robert Winkley, piano

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Charge Daniel Lawlor

Hymn # 182	O, the Beauty in a Life	QUIMADA
Benediction		Daniel Lawlor
Postlude	<i>Allemande (French Suite, no. 6, BWV 817)</i> <i>Robert Winkley, piano</i>	J. S. Bach

Hymn Texts, Lyrics and Readings (8/9/20)

Hymn # 134	Our World is One World	CHERNOBYL
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Our world is one world:
 what touches one affects us all:
 the seas that wash us round about,
 the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:
 the thoughts we think affect us all:
 the way we build our attitudes,
 with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:
 its ways of wealth affect us all:
 the way we spend, the way we share,
 who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world:
 just like a ship that bears us all:
 where fear and greed make many holes,
 but where our hearts can hear a different call.

Affirmation # 352	Find a Stillness	SIGISMUND
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Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
 Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
 In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
 I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
 Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
 In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
 I will find true harmony.

Unison Reading # 529	"The Stream of Life" by Rabindranath Tagore
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The same stream of life that runs through my veins night and day runs through the world and dances in rhythmic measures.

It is the same life that shoots in joy through the dust of the earth in numberless blades of grass and breaks into tumultuous waves of leaves and flowers.

It is the same life that is rocked in the ocean-cradle of birth and death, in ebb and in flow.

I feel my limbs are made glorious by the touch of this world of life. And my pride is from the life-throb of ages dancing in my blood this moment.

Musical Meditation "Flower Duet," from *Lakmé*

Léo Delibes (1836 - 1891)

Under the thick dome where the white jasmine with the roses entwined together on the riverbank covered with flowers, laughing in the morning, let us descend together!

Gently floating on its charming risings, on the river's current on the shining waves, one hand reaches, reaches for the bank, where the spring sleeps, and the bird sings.

Responsive Reading # 590

Psalm 126, interpreted by Daniel Berrigan

When the spirit struck us free we could scarcely believe it for very joy.

Were we free, were we wrapped in a dream of freedom!

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with pure joy.

The oppressors were awestruck;

What marvels the Lord works for them!

Like a torrent in flood our people streamed out.

Locks, bars, gulags, ghettos, cages, cuffs, a nightmare scattered.

We trod the long furrow slaves, sowing in tears.

A lightning bolt loosed us.

We tread the long furrow half drunk with joy, staggering.

The golden sheaves in our arms.

Offertory

"For Good," from *Wicked*

Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn; and we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them and we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you. Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes the sun,

like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood.
Who can say if I've been changed for the better but because I knew you I have been changed
for good.

It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime.
So, let me say before we part so much of me is made of what I learned from you.
You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart.
And now whatever way our stories end I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend.
Like a ship blown from its mooring by a wind off the sea.
Like a seed dropped by a sky bird in a distant wood.

Who can say if I've been changed for the better but because I knew you I have been changed
for good.
And just to clear the air I ask forgiveness for the things I've done, you blame me for.
But then I guess we know there's blame to share and none of it seems to matter anymore.
Because I knew you I have been changed for good.

Hymn # 182

O, the Beauty in a Life

QUIMADA

O, the beauty in a life that illumines honor anew,
that models wise and gracious ways to every seeker;
that every day shall serve in joy and do the right.
O, praise the life whose beauty shows a justice true.

Let not service of the good be confined to great saints alone,
but every hour be part of all our daily living.
Set not the hope of wisdom's grace beyond our ken;
how wide the path, how close the goal, which love has shown.

O, the beauty of a life that illumines care of the soul,
that knows a love that is for self as well as others,
that every day embodies praise for every good,
this is the faith to which we turn, our God and goal.

Our World Is One World

♩ = 56 *Unison*

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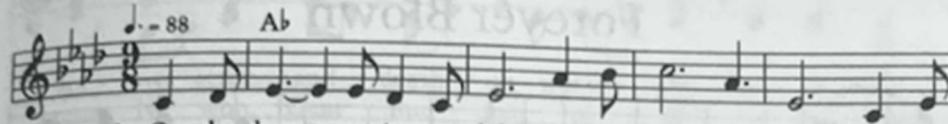
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O, the Beauty in a Life

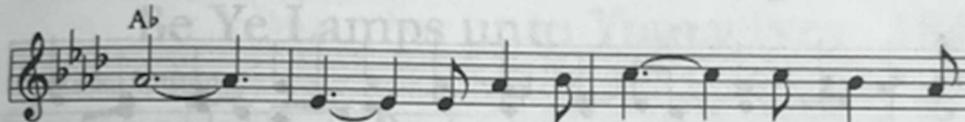
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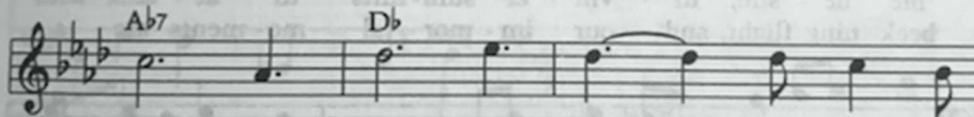
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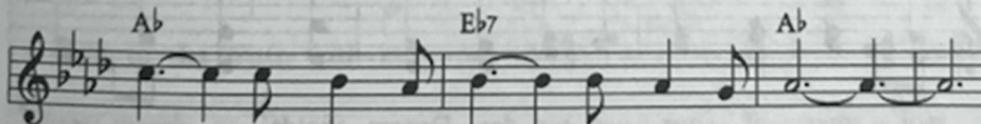
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⊕ Words: Based on a text by Bishop Toribio Quimada
 Music: Traditional Visayan (Filipino) folk tune

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