

**First Church in Boston
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
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*Broadcast 11:00 am to noon on WERS, 88.9FM, Vivian Borek, announcer
Streamed on Facebook @firstchurchboston, Craig Hildreth, audio and video engineer
Masha Stepanova, video editor
Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson, guest preacher
Dr. Robert August, Director of Music; Robert Winkley, service musician; Gina Marie Falk,
soprano*

Prelude "The Little Shepherd" (from *Children's Corner*)
Claude Debussy (1862 - 1918)

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting by Reginald Ray Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson

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 # 1017 Building a New Way

Time for all Ages adapted from a Swedish folk-tale, as retold by Marsha Brown in her novel *Stone Soup*
Rev. Garcia-Sampson

Musical Meditation How Can I Cherish My Man (from *A Child of Our Time*)
Michael Tippett (1905 - 1998)

Reading "My State of the Union," by Richard Baydin Rev. Garcia-Sampson

Announcements Rev. Aisha Ansano

Hymn # 311 Let it Be a Dance MASTEN

Prayer and Meditation Rev. Garcia-Sampson

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Sermon "When the Movement Calls Our Name" Rev. Garcia-Sampson

Offertory "Oh, had I Jubal's lyre" (from *Joshua*)

Hymn # 311

Let it Be a Dance

MASTEN

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard.
Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead,
feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.
Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Everybody turn and spin,
let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind,
let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by.
Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bear* the pain,
and round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance.

Musical Meditation How Can I Cherish My Man (from *A Child of Our Time*)

Michael Tippett (1905 - 1998)

How can I cherish my man in such days, or become a mother in world of destruction?
How shall I feed my children on so small a wage? How can I comfort them when I am dead?

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.

Offertory "Oh, had I Jubal's lyre" (from *Joshua*)

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice.
To sounds like his, I would aspire, In songs like hers, rejoice
My humble strains but faintly, how much to heaven and thee I owe.

Hymn # 131 Love Will Guide Us

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Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.