

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
Sunday, November 8 2020, from the Sanctuary

Broadcast live, 11:00 am to noon, on WERS, 88.9FM, Vivian Borek, announcer
Streamed live on Facebook @firstchurchboston, Craig Hildreth, audio and video engineer
Dr. Robert August, Director of Music; Leo Eguchi, cellist

Prelude "Bourrée" from Suite # 3, BWV 1009
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Words Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Hymn # 121 We'll Build a Land v.1-3 CREATION OF PEACE

Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell 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.

Time for All Ages "The Great Turnip" Rev. Kendrick

Go Now in Peace

Responsive Reading # 533 "Comfort My People," from Isaiah 40

Zoom Conversation Rev. Kendrick, Daniel Lawlor

Musical Meditation "Spiegel im Spiegel" Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Reading "Morning Prayer," by Adnan Onart Daniel Lawlor

Announcements Daniel Lawlor

Prayer and Meditation Daniel Lawlor

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Sermon "Winding the Clock" Rev. Kendrick

Offertory "Gigue" from Suite # 3, BWV 1009 Johann Sebastian Bach

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Charge Daniel Lawlor

Hymn # 299 Make Channels For the Streams of Love LAND OF REST
Benediction Rev. Kendrick
Postlude “Presto” from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592
Prince Johann Ernst von Weimar, arr. J.S. Bach

Hymn Texts, Lyrics (11/8/20)

Hymn # 121 We'll Build a Land v.1-3 CREATION OF PEACE

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus)

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.

(Chorus)

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.

(Chorus)

Responsive Reading # 533 “Comfort My People,” from Isaiah 40

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term.

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a

highway for our God.

“Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places, a plain.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades. But the word of our God will stand forever.”

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.

Hymn # 299 Make Channels For the Streams of Love

LAND OF REST

Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run;
and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.

But if at any time we cease such channels to provide,
the very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried.

For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above;
we cease to give, we cease to have — such is the law of love.