

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**First Church Boston**  
**66 Marlborough Street**  
**Boston, MA**  
**Sunday, October 18 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; Sophie Urquhart, soloist*

**Prelude** Variations on “For Flowers That Bloom About Our Feet”  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Opening Words** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

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

**Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell** Rev. Kendrick

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** Daniel Lawlor

**Responsive Reading # 557** “A Common Destiny,” by Rev. David Eaton

**Reading** Daniel Lawlor

**Musical Meditation** “A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief” George Coles (1792-1858)

**Announcements** Daniel Lawlor

**Prayer and Meditation** Daniel Lawlor

**Affirmation # 123** Spirit of Life

**Sermon** “The World Is on Fire” Rev. Kendrick

**Offertory** “Miracles” (2006) Larry Thomas Bell

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**Charge** Daniel Lawlor

**Hymn # 83** Winds Be Still LEAD ME LORD

**Benediction**

Rev. Kendrick

**Postlude**

Fuguetta and short Postlude on "For Flowers That Bloom About Our Feet"  
Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)

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**Hymn Texts, Readings (10/18/20)**

**Hymn # 92**

Mysterious Presence, Source of All

WAREHAM

Mysterious Presence, source of all —  
the world without, the soul within —  
thou fount of life, O hear our call,  
and pour thy living waters in.

Thou breathest in the rushing wind,  
thy spirit stirs in leaf and flower;  
nor wilt thou from the willing mind  
withhold thy light and love and power.

Thy hand unseen to accents clear  
awoke the psalmist's trembling lyre,  
and touched the lips of holy seer  
with flame from thine own altar fire.

That touch divine again impart,  
still give the prophet's burning word;  
and vocal in each waiting heart  
let living psalms of praise be heard.

**Responsive Reading # 557** "A Common Destiny," by Rev. David Eaton

All living substance, all substance of energy, being, and purpose,  
are united and share the same destiny.

*All people, those we love and those we know not of, are united and share the same  
destiny.*

Birth-to-death we share this unity with the sun, earth,  
*our brothers and sisters, strangers,*

Flowers of the field, snow flakes, volcanoes and moon beams.

*Birth - Life - Death*

*Unknown - Known - Unknown*

Our destiny: from unknown to unknown.

*May we have the faith to accept this mystery and build upon its everlasting truth.*

**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 # 83**

Winds Be Still

LEAD ME LORD

Winds be still.  
Storm clouds pass and silence come.  
Peace grace this time with harmony.  
Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,  
and in calm let all find tranquility.

Bird fly high.  
Lift our gaze toward distant view.  
Help us to sense life's mystery.  
Fly high and far, and lead us each to see  
how we move through the winds of eternity.

Light shine in.  
Luminate our inward view.  
Help us to see with clarity.  
Shine bright and true so we may join our songs  
in new sounds that become full symphony.