

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**First Church Boston**  
**66 Marlborough Street**  
**Boston, MA**  
**Sunday, September 27, 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 engineer  
Dr. Robert August, Director of Music; Lily Tseng, soloist; Atsuko Kida, piano*

**Prelude** Chaconne in e, BuxWV 160 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**Opening Words** Rev. Stephen Kendrick

**Hymn # 298** Wake, Now, My Senses v.1,3 SLANE

**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** "Suggestions for Living Through the Next Seven Weeks (and Seven Months Beyond)" Rev. Kendrick

**Responsive Reading # 637** "A Litany of Atonement," by Robert Eller-Isaacs Daniel Lawlor

**Musical Meditation** "Loveliest of Trees" John Woods Duke (1899-1904)

**Presentation of the Rhys Williams Award** Rev. Kendrick

### Announcements

### Prayer and Meditation

**Affirmation # 123** Spirit of Life

**Sermon** "The Future is Worth Expecting" Rev. Kendrick

**Offertory** "You'll Never Walk Alone" Richard Rodgers (1902-1979) and Oscar Hammerstein II(1895-1960)

### Text Messaging Donation

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**Charge and Invitation to the Annual Meeting** Rev. Kendrick

**Hymn # 299** Make Channels for the Streams of Love v.1,3 LAND OF REST

**Benediction and Pastoral Prayer for the Upcoming Meeting**

Rev. Kendrick

**Postlude**

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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**Hymn Texts, Translations and Readings (9/27/20)**

**Hymn # 298**

Wake, Now, My Senses v.1,3

SLANE

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow,  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;  
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;  
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,  
praying and striving their hardship to end.

**Responsive Reading # 637** "A Litany of Atonement," by Robert Eller-Isaacs

For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For each time that our fears have made us rigid and inaccessible

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For each time that we have struck out in anger without just cause

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For each time that our greed has blinded us to the needs of others

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For the selfishness which sets us apart and alone

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For falling short of the admonitions of the spirit

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For losing sight of our unity

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

For those and for so many acts both evident and subtle which have fueled the illusion of separateness

*We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

**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 v.1,3

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.

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.