

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 17th
Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM
Sunday, June 24th
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Our Summer Services begin June 17th

Summer services begin on June 17th in the air-conditioned Hale Chapel upstairs. Take a break from the heat this summer at First Church!

Upcoming Summer Speakers

June 17 Dr. Branden Thornhill-Miller, longtime member, former ministerial intern, presently teaching at the Sorbonne
June 24 Dr. John Burt, Brandeis professor and former member, author of "Lincoln's Tragic Pragmatism"
July 1 Corey Spaley, member
July 8 Robert August, FCB Music Director
July 15 Ruth Owen, former Director of Religious Education, recently retired!
July 22 Matt Meyer "the Rhythm Guy", head of the Sanctuary group, longtime popular summer worship leader
July 29 Lisa Garcia-Sampson, our new ministerial intern
August 5 Katie McQuage-Loukas, member, recent head of Standing Committee, incoming Boston University Theological student
August 12 Rev. Ann Fox, retired minister, former intern
August 19 Rev. Sheldon Bennett, retired minister, member
August 26 Beth Curran, member
September 2 Labor Day, Rev. Mark Harris, minister in Watertown and UU historian

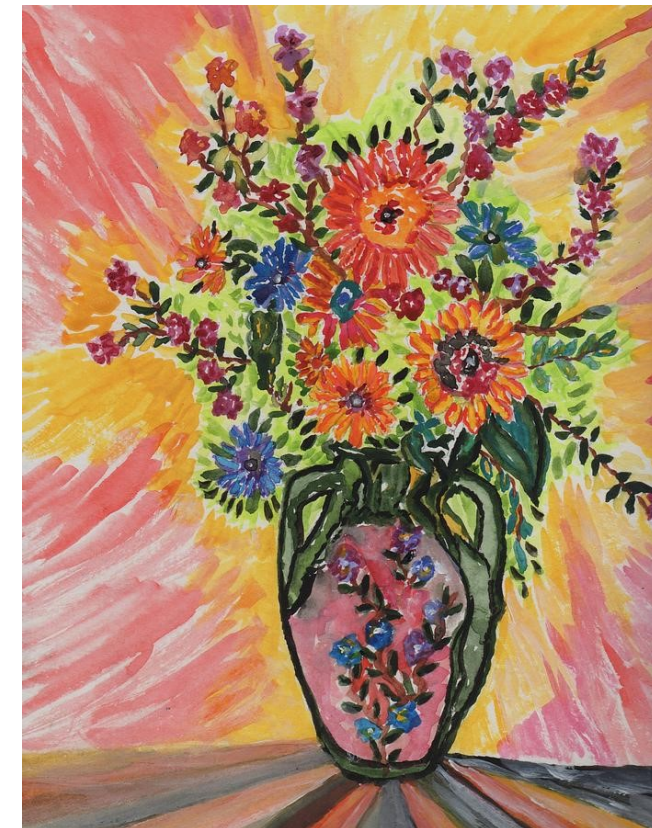
The First Church Choir

Erin Anderson
Stefan Barner
Ethan Bremner
Joshua Garvey
James Liu
Marilyn Oliver
Patrick Perez
Christine Teeters
Rebecca Teeters
William Thorpe
Li-Han "Lily" Tseng
Bob Winkley

Sunday June 17, 2018

This Week: Dr. Brandon Thornhill-Miller
"Creativity, Religion and the Future"

Next Week: Dr. John Burt
"Lincoln on America's Original Sin"



The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Sonata no. 61, Hob XVI/51 in D major - *Andante*
 Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Welcome

* **Hymn # 16** Tis A Gift to Be Simple SIMPLE GIFTS

Chalice Lighting & Invocation

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.

The Work of Community

Announcements

Affirmation Spirit of Life

Responsive Reading #465 "The Wisdom to Survive"

Greeting Your Neighbor

Finding Ourselves in the World's Story

Musical Meditation Io con l'umile ancella (Adriana Lecouvreur) Francesco Cilea (1866 - 1950)
I'm but the humble servant of the brilliant creator; He offers me the words that I impart to the heart... I'm the verse's music, echo of human drama, the fragile instrument, the lowly hand-maiden... Timid, joyous, terrible, called Faithfulness. My voice is just a whisper, which, with the new day, will die. (Arturo Colautti)

Unison Reading # 614 "The Dream of the Sacred Hoop", by Black Elk

Prayer

Going Deeper

* **Hymn # 114** Forward through the Ages ST. GERTRUDE

Sermon "Creativity, Religion and the Future" Dr. Branden Thornhill-Miller

Offertory Serenity Charles Ives (1874 - 1954)
 Wie Melodien zieht es Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above, Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee, The silence of eternity Interpreted by love. Drop Thy still dew of quietness, Till all our strivings cease: Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess, The beauty of Thy peace. (John Greenleaf Whittier)

It moves like a melody, Gently through my mind; It blossoms like spring flowers And wafts away like fragrance. But when it is captured in words, And placed before my eyes, It turns pale like a gray mist And disappears like a breath. And yet, remaining in my rhymes There hides still a fragrance, Which mildly from the quiet bud My moist eyes call forth. (Klaus Groth)

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

*** Charge**

* **Hymn (see insert for text)** "Imagine" John Lennon (1940-1980)

* **Benediction** Rev. House & Rev. Kendrick

Postlude Sonata no. 61, Hob XVI/51 in D major - *Presto* Haydn

*Please stand as you are able.

Personnel - Robert Winkley, Service Musician; Rebecca Teeters, Soprano

 Wed. June 20 at 7:00 p.m. Berklee College of Music (Berk Hall, 1140 Boylston St.) will present *Saxophone Plus!* a recital of music by FCB member Larry Thomas Bell. Also on the concert are performers Dolores and Robert August and chorister Marilyn Oliver. The concert is free and open to the public.