

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Church Boston
66 Marlborough Street
Boston, MA
Sunday, July 12, 2020 from the Sanctuary

*This service is broadcast live from 11:00 am to noon on WERS, 88.9FM,
Vivian Borek, announcer.*

*Also streamed live on Facebook @firstchurchboston, Michael Sullivan, videographer.
Music -- Ethan Bremner, tenor; Robert Winkley, pianist*

Prelude For Shirley Gabis Rhoads Perle; For Steven Sondheim; For Helen Coates
(from *Thirteen Anniversaries*) Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Opening Words Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Hymn # 352 Find a Stillness SIGISMUND

Chalice Lighting and Tolling of the Bell

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 Contented Fisherman" Rev. Kendrick

Go Now in Peace

Responsive Reading # 468 "We Need One Another," by George E. Odell
Daniel Lawlor

Musical Meditation Einsamkeit; Der Krähe (from *Winterreise*) Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Reading "The Deep Sea Diver," by Howard Thurman Daniel Lawlor

Announcements Daniel Lawlor

Prayer and Meditation

Daniel Lawlor

Affirmation # 123 "Spirit of Life"

Sermon "The Two Vigils"

Rev. Kendrick

Offertory Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen (from *Rücker Lieder*)
Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

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Hymn # 131 Love Will Guide Us

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Benediction

Postlude Aria (Partita no. 5, BWV 828) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn texts and readings

Hymn # 352 "Find a Stillness"

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Responsive Reading # 468 "We Need One Another," by George E. Odell

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.

We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.

We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.

We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.

We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.

We need one another in the hour of defeat, when with encouragement we might endure, and stand again.

We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.

All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.

Musical 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 # 131 "Love Will Guide Us"

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.

Song Translations

Einsamkeit (Loneliness)

Like a mournful cloud passing through clear sky when through the fir tops a gentle breeze blows, so I wend my way onward with halting step through bright, happy life lonely and ungreeted.

Pity the air is so calm, pity the world is so bright! When the storms still howled I was not so miserable.

Der Krähe (The Crow)

A crow was with me coming out of town. Back and forth till now it has flown above my head. Crow, curious creature, will you not forsake me? Have you prey in mind here soon, when you seize my body? Well, there is not far to go for my stick and me. Crow, let me at last behold fidelity to the grave!

Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen (I am lost to the world)

I am lost to the world With which I used to waste much time; It has for so long known nothing of me, It may well believe that I am dead. Nor am I at all concerned If it should think that I am dead. Nor can I deny it, For truly I am dead to the world. I am dead to the world's tumult And rest in a quiet realm! I live alone in my heaven, In my love, in my song!