

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



November 2017

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, *Minister*

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

T h a n k s

Dear God we give thanks

We give thanks for the people around us

Family and friends, near and far

Those we see every day

And those we see once in a while

Those with us and those of blessed memory

We give thanks for the blessings of this day

Food to enjoy, stories to share, joys to call to mind

And the people who made this all possible

Those we cherish, those we miss

Those we remember

The people who make it all matter every day

For these many gifts, we give thanks.

God bless,

— *Mark*

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Proverbs. New participants are encouraged to join us.

OUR SCRIPTURES FOR THIS SEASON

- November 5:* Revelation 7:9-12, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 34
November 12: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 70
November 19: Deuteronomy 8:7-16, Luke 17:11-19, Psalm 65
November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Matthew 25:31-45, Psalm 100

NOVEMBER SERMONS

- November 5:* All Souls Communion
November 12: Do It Yourself Wisdom
November 19: The Attitude of Gratitude
(Special Service - Greg Jones, Preacher)
November 26: The Least of These

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 5:* The flowers are given in loving memory of Janet and David Duncan by the Cornish family.
November 12: The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis by their family.
November 19: The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Morris F. LaCroix and William Paine LaCroix by their family.
November 26: The flowers are given in loving memory of Joan Cave and William Lincoln by their family.

USHERS

- November 5:* David Brooks *November 12:* John Wyman
November 19: Werner Lohe *November 26:* John Welch

COFFEE HOUR

All are welcome at the coffee hour following the service each Sunday. Janice and Dick Byrd will be in charge of refreshments on November 5. On November 12 will be Carol and Ralph Stuart, on November 19, Ludy and Garret Shih, and on November 26 will be Pauline Ho Bynum. Thank you for your participation!

Sally Baker (sallybbaker@comcast.net; 617-566-7564)
Carol Lohe (ctroyen@mfa.org; 617-739-0892)

MUSICAL NEWS

CALLING ALL SINGERS! We are planning to have the family choir join our quartet at the special service on **Sunday, November 19, 2017**. If you like to sing and are available, please join us for **rehearsal after church on Sunday, November 12, 2017**. We will rehearse two anthems, hymns and a special choral amen. Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to be a part of this special performance. I look forward to working with you! (krosenbach@aol.com; 617-821-0385)

Don't forget that *Christina Grandy will be singing with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus at the Boston Pops Holiday concerts*: December 5, (Opening Night) at 8 p.m., December 9 at 11 a.m., December 12 at 4:00 p.m. and 8 :00 p.m., December 18 at 8:00 p.m., and December 19 at 8:00 p.m.

November 5

Preludes	<i>Pater noster</i>	Foote
	<i>Voluntary</i>	Greene
	<i>Fantasia</i>	de Santa Maria
Anthem	<i>Adore, Almighty God</i>	Gretchaninov
Response	<i>In God, My Faithful God</i>	Bach
Anthem	<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i>	Mozart
Choral Amen	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude	<i>All Glory Be to God on High</i>	Bach

November 12

Prelude	<i>Andante with Variations</i>	Mendelssohn
Anthem	<i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>	Billings
Response	<i>From Depths of Woe I cry to Thee</i>	Bach
Anthem	<i>Teach me, O Lord</i>	Attwood
Choral Amen	<i>Sevenfold Amen</i>	Stainer
Postlude	<i>Dwell with Us, O Lord</i>	Pachelbel

November 19

Preludes	<i>Prelude in C</i> <i>Prelude in B flat minor</i> <i>Andante</i>	Bach
Anthem	<i>A Thanksgiving Anthem</i>	Shaw
Response	<i>If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee</i>	Bach
Anthem	<i>To God on high be thanks and praise</i>	Decius
Choral Amen	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Lutkin
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G major</i>	Bach

November 26

Preludes	<i>Arabesque</i> <i>Two Miniatures</i>	Vierne Peeters
Anthem	<i>Old Hundredth Psalm</i>	Vaughan Williams
Response	<i>Now Let Us Come before Him</i>	Bach
Anthem	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	Thompson
Choral Amen	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Persichetti
Postlude	<i>Concerto No. 13- Allegro</i>	Handel

Program Notes

Arthur William Foote was an American classical composer and a member of the "Boston Six." The other five were George Whitefield Chadwick, Amy Beach, Edward MacDowell, John Knowles Paine and Horatio Parker. He lived from 1853-1937.

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VOLUNTEER LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

November 5: Sally Baker

November 12: Mark Chadbourne

November 19: Cynthia B. Bates

November 26: Greg Jones

98TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD AND FLOWER SALE

The 98th annual Thanksgiving Food and Flower Sale will take place on Tuesday, November 21, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. The proceeds of the fair are essential to the church's outreach program and are divided between The Brookline Food Pantry and the Centre Street Food Pantry.

The quantity and variety of food and flowers make the fair both festive and successful as a community event; baked items, hors d'oeuvres, and casseroles can be prepared in advance and frozen, and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

On Sunday, November 19, casseroles will be welcome at church from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. On Monday, November 20, the church will be open for deliveries from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have questions or would like to be involved in the fair, please call Deborah Brooks, 617-390-5143, or Sally Baker, 617-584-7548. Above all, be sure to come to the fair on November 21– and bring your family, friends, and neighbors as well!

OUTREACH COORDINATING COMMITTEE

We are continuing to collect food for the Centre Street Pantry. It is our hope that the box will be overflowing by the end of November. This month, please donate pasta sauce and low-sugar cereals. Many thanks.

Sally Baker, Chair, Outreach Coordinating Committee

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. We will meet on Monday, November 27 at Phyllis Vineyard's, 39 Kingsbury Road, Chestnut Hill. All are welcome!

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

On Thursday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m., we will once again share a Thanksgiving Day service with our neighbors from the Church of the Redeemer. They will be our hosts this year, with Rev. Mark preaching the sermon. The Thanksgiving morning offering is divided between the two churches and is donated to charitable organizations. The First Church will be sponsoring the Outdoor Church, a ministry to homeless men and women in Cambridge. Please join us on November 23.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be Early Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 12 with a service project: we will be assembling school-supply backpacks to be donated to the School on Wheels group for their vacation reading programs. The mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is to support the academic, social and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness.

There will be a Thanksgiving intergenerational service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 19 with a Story for All Ages. We encourage children and families to attend the full service.

INTERN INSIGHTS

Recently, a prominent government official expressed concern about changes in our national culture. He was lamenting, especially, the way contemporary society had stopped viewing and treating certain things as *sacred*. This got me thinking about the meaning of 'sacred' in the context of the twenty-first century.

'Sacred' is an ancient term. Many etymologists believe that an early form of the word was in use over 6,500 years ago. The word that we know derives from the Latin, *sacer*. Traditionally, it means "worthy of veneration or devotion." Something is sacred when it generates awe and inspires reverence.

Because of its links to veneration and devotion, 'sacred' is often applied to religion and religious objects. When I associate 'sacred' with formal religion, what sometimes comes to mind are icons, saintly relics, and images that are believed to be infused with certain powers. But this is often more about magic than mystery – more about superstition than sanctification.

For me, the sacred is encountered in connection and relationship. The sacred draws me out of myself to connect to that which is greater than myself. The sacred manifests in relation to community and cosmos, to family and friendships. As Unitarians, our sense of the sacred is not rooted in objects, beliefs, or creeds, but in our covenantal relationship to one another, and to our world.

In peace and service,
Greg

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