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26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



October 2017

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

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

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

When I was young, I played sports. Specifically, I was a football player. My small, urban, all-boys parochial high school fielded scrappy teams of consistently good quality. We won a lot, even though there were not many players available. We needed big players and there I was, looming above my classmates.

I played all four years, but frankly I never liked it. It seems strange that a signature element of my high school life was something I never cared to do. I even joined the track team to stay in shape for football season, another activity I pursued as an obligation rather than with enthusiasm.

Why? Why unhappily grind my way through school “playing”? It was something to do, I imagine. And there were expectations, implicit and explicit. I had a few friends who played for a year and then stopped – the slacker kids. Most students however played one sport or another. It was expected. So, I played.

In college, oddly, I took up a different sport: rugby. Not a mild undertaking, either as a learning experience or as a physical challenge. And I did not have to do it, but this time I loved it. There was no pressure from school, friends, or family. There was no unspoken anxiety that it was needed to round out my application for college or some other frenetic forecasting of my life. Suddenly, I could choose.

Every step was mine to make, every moment one to be embraced as I saw fit. I still had my obligations, to family and to school work, but that extra time was mine to use, or to waste. Let’s be honest, I wasted some. But not all.

In the same way, I hope that church is a chosen place, one where we come to listen and to learn, to sing and to pray. That we do so out of a sense of belonging. I further hope that this community of people can work together always to create a place open and welcoming, ready to be chosen and loved for what it represents and for what it has to offer the wider world. You never stop building the good things in life – that’s why they are so good.

God bless,

— *Mark*

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We encourage new participants to join us.

OUR SCRIPTURES FOR THIS SEASON

- October 1:* Exodus 17:1-7, Matthew 21:23-32, Psalm 78
October 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17; Matthew 21:33-44, Psalm 19
October 15: Isaiah 25:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14, Psalm 23
October 22: Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22:15-22, Psalm 99
October 29: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Matthew 22:34-46, Psalm 1

OCTOBER SERMONS

- October 1:* Rev. Jed Mannis of The Outdoor Church, Guest Preacher
October 8: The Wisdom to Know the Difference
(Greg Jones, Preacher)
October 15: The Lord is My Shepherd
October 22: The Fire By Night
October 29: Let Me Bring Joy (Special Service)

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

- October 1:* The flowers are given in loving memory of her dear friend and colleague Joanne Hoffman by Sally Baker.
October 8: The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McCandless by the Welch family.
October 15: The flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Pao-chin Ho and Samuel Pao-san Ho by their family.
October 22: The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Endicott P. Saltonstall and Elizabeth Saltonstall by their family.
October 29: The flowers are given in loving memory of Lewis Stackpole Dabney by his family.

USHERS

- October 1:* Cynthia B. Bates *October 8:* Mark Chadbourne
October 15: John Welch *October 22:* G. West Saltonstall
October 29: Susan Farist Butler

MUSICAL NEWS

Our baritone James Lesu'i will be singing the role of Jesus in Telemann's *St. John Passion* 5:30. The ensemble consists of Boston University and Harvard University students and alumni. There will be two performances: October 27, 7:30 pm at First Church in Cambridge (*\$15 general admission at the door*) and October 28, 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Medford (*Donations welcome.*)

October 1

Preludes:	<i>Prelude and Fugue Meditation</i>	Handel Widor
Anthem:	<i>O come, everyone that thirsteth</i>	Mendelssohn
Response:	<i>Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Our God is a Rock</i>	Davis
Choral Amen:	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Concerto No. 13</i>	Handel

October 8

Preludes:	<i>Prelude Andantino Miniature</i>	Bach Boellmann Peeters
Anthem:	<i>Come, Redeemer of Mankind</i>	Walther
Response:	<i>O Be Glad My Soul, Be Cheerful</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>O God, We Pray</i>	Arensky
Choral Amen:	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	Barrow
Postlude:	<i>Dialogue</i>	Clerambault

October 15

Preludes:	<i>Moderato Grace Elevation</i>	Corelli Christiansen Vierne
Anthem:	<i>Gott ist mein Hirt</i>	Schubert

Response:	<i>O Lord, How Shall I meet Thee</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is</i>	Schutz
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Persichetti
Postlude:	<i>A Doxology Postlude</i>	Stearns

October 22

Preludes:	<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word</i> <i>Largo</i>	Walther Wesley
Anthem:	<i>All blessed, all holy, Lord God</i>	Kastalsky
Response:	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Geistliches Lied</i>	Brahms
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Now Rejoice, Dear Christians</i>	Bach

October 29

Preludes:	<i>Pastorale</i> <i>Meditation</i> <i>Lento</i>	Karg-Eler Cassler Franck
Anthem:	<i>Adoramus te</i>	Palestrina
Response:	<i>Our Father, Thou in Heav'n Above</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem</i>	Stanford
Choral Amen:	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Persichetti
Postlude:	<i>Symphony No. 1</i>	Boyce

PROGRAM NOTES

Girolamo Alessandro Frescobaldi was from Ferrara, Italy. He was one of the most important composers of keyboard music in the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods. He lived from 1583-1643. Frescobaldi's music influenced future composers including Froberger, Bach and Purcell.

COFFEE HOUR

All are welcome at the coffee hour following the service each Sunday. Judie and John Wyman will be in charge of refreshments on October 1. On October 8 will be Cindy Bates, and on October 15 is the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. On Sunday, October 22 will be Deborah and David Brooks, and on October 29, Teedy Dabney. Thank you for your participation!

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VOLUNTEER LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

October 1: Sally Baker

October 8: Mark Chadbourne

October 15: Cynthia B. Bates

October 22: Carol Lohe

October 29: Greg Jones

OUTREACH COORDINATING COMMITTEE

In the fall our outreach efforts focus on preparing for the 98th Thanksgiving Food and Flower Sale. Orchestrated by veteran Deborah Brooks, the Fair generates money that is divided between two local food pantries, the Brookline Food Pantry and the Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton. The Fair is an important community event, gathering friends, neighbors, and members of the church in raising funds to support these pantries. **This year the Fair will be held on Tuesday, November 21, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

What can you do to participate in our community event? Most baked and frozen dishes can be prepared in advance, so start cooking and freezing! The success of the Fair is a function of the amount and variety of food and flowers available, so all contributions are appreciated. If you are interested in what type of prepared foods sell especially well, please contact Deborah (617-390-5143 or deborah.brooks@me.com) or me.

We continue our food drive for the Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton with two specific items which are needed this month: pasta sauce and low-sugar breakfast cereals. In an effort to raise awareness of healthy foods and good nutrition, the Pantry features shelf items which are low in sugar and salt. Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection of low-sodium soups and vegetables in September. They were much appreciated!

Sally Baker, Chair, Outreach Coordinating Committee

BOOK GROUP

Those interested in October Book Group information should please contact Molly Batchelder. (m.batchelder@comcast.net; 617-232-6213)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will have Sunday school gatherings during church services on October 15, November 12, and December 10 (Christmas pageant rehearsal). This will involve Early Church at 10:00 a.m. and various social action projects along with pageant planning in December.

We will also be having at least monthly intergenerational services, meaning that families will all be together for church in the sanctuary. We will be varying our liturgy on those days, following a printed order of service and enjoying new music. **Special services will be held on October 29 (Halloween), November 19 (Thanksgiving), December 17 (Christmas Pageant), and December 31 (New Year's Eve).**

INTERN INSIGHTS

October 31 is an auspicious day. It's the one day of the year when every girl can be a superhero, every boy can be a vampire, and they all can be satiated by chocolate. This year, October 31 also marks the 500th anniversary of an event that kick-started the Protestant Reformation. On that day, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed a revolutionary document onto the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. In it, Luther listed 95 propositions, or theses, demanding debate. Luther's theses argued against corrupt practices of the Catholic Church he claimed were contrary to the Christian gospel.

Martin Luther was a bold, deep thinker. He was also the world's first best-selling author, thanks to Mr. Gutenberg's newfangled printing press. But, Luther was also *deeply* flawed. He could be impulsive, vulgar, and stubborn. He was chronically depressed, with episodes bordering on psychotic.

As a Unitarian Universalist, I am drawn to Luther not by his theses or his personality, but by his principles. Throughout his life, he passionately searched for truth and meaning. He exercised his right of conscience by refusing to conform to corrupt religious practices. He democratized the Church by his claim that, in God's eyes, the peasant had the same inherent worthy and dignity as priests, monks, and princes. He promoted equity and encouraged spiritual growth by translating the Bible into German. He built community by calling Christians to the compassionate service of others. Luther's work prefigured the values Unitarian Universalists enshrined in their seven principles. We'll be hearing a lot about Luther over the next few weeks. Appreciate the drama of his complexity, and be grateful for his courage.

In peace and service,
Greg

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