

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



May 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

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

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

*While from the purpling east departs
The star that led the dawn,
Blithe Flora from her couch upstarts,
For May is on the lawn.*

William Wordsworth

Spring is a time of change. The budding of April gives way to the full flowering of May. Time to get the tomato plants into the ground. Time for graduations and transitions. Time to get outside, weather permitting.

Some will turn to the woods, to walk or to hike. Some will head to the sea, to sail or to swim. Some will travel up to the lakes and the mountains, while others will simply go down to the river or around the reservoir.

Time to garden, time to weed. Time to tend the lawn ever so carefully. Time to till the soil and to wait for the harvest.

Not everyone is inclined to the great outdoors. Not everyone is eagerly stacking the tent onto the station wagon or pulling the canoe down from the rafters. But there is a relief in knowing one can go outside, finally. There is the blessing of a cool breeze on a warm day. There is a joy in having somewhere to go.

And so, may we look around and enjoy the new greens. May we look up at the bright blue. May we take a moment to give thanks for another day under the sun and maybe sing a little song to the beauty of the earth.

God bless,
~Mark

MAY 7

Sermon: Saul and Stephen
Scriptures: Acts 7:55-60, John 14:1-7, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Scripture Reader: Sally Baker
Usher: Lisle Baker
Coffee Hour: Mark Chadbourne
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of James Henry Samble by Sarah Buermann

MAY 14

Sermon: Music Sunday - Schubert's Mass in G
Scriptures: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21, Psalm 66:8-20
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Werner Lohe
Coffee Hour: Susan & John Welch
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Lewis F. and Alice deV. Perry by the Perry Family

MAY 21

Sermon: The Return
Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Scripture Reader: Joe Hicks
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Coffee Hour: Janet Schloss & David Gabel
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Madeline and Walter Van Tassel

MAY 28

Sermon: Pentecost Communion
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Scripture Reader: Linda Hicks
Usher: John Welch
Coffee Hour: Carla & Dick Benka
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Joanne and Malcolm Chadbourne by Mark Chadbourne

MAY MUSIC

May 7, 2023

Prelude:	<i>Fantasia</i>	de Santa Maria
Anthem:	<i>Psalm 116</i>	Mauduit
Hymn:	<i>Lighten the Darkness</i>	#386
Prayer Response:	<i>In God, My Faithful God</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Inter Vestibulum</i>	Perti
Hymn:	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	#385
Hymn:	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#391
Choral Amen:	<i>Twofold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Nun last uns Gott dem Heren</i>	Pachelbel

May 14, 2023

Prelude:	<i>The Swan</i> Sarah Freiberg, Cello	Saint-Saens
Anthem:	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Rutter
Hymn:	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	#101
Prayer Response:	<i>Draw Us to Thee</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	Hopson
Hymn:	<i>We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder</i>	#495
Hymn:	<i>We Would Be Building</i>	#494
Choral Amen:	<i>Old Irish Blessing</i>	Agay
Postlude:	<i>Sonata 1, RV 47 IV Allegro</i> Sarah Freiberg, Cello	Vivaldi

May 21, 2023

Prelude:	<i>Pater Noster</i>	Foote
Anthem:	<i>God is Living, God is Here</i>	Bach
Hymn:	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	#217
Prayer Response:	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>O Be Joyful in the Lord</i>	Purcell
Hymn:	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	#335
Hymn:	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	#104
Choral Amen:	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
Postlude:	<i>Toccata</i>	Buxtehude

May 28, 2023

Prelude:	<i>Toccata</i>	Sweelinck
Anthem:	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	arr. Hayes
Hymn:	<i>Still, Still with Thee</i>	#37
Prayer Response:	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>The Welcome Table</i>	Spiritual
Hymn:	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	#288
Hymn:	<i>Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire</i>	
Choral Amen:	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	Barrow
Postlude:	<i>A Doxology Postlude</i>	Pindar Stearns

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

On May 14, we will have a special music Sunday. Cellist Sarah Freiberg will join us. In addition, the Quartet and I will perform the Schubert Mass in G as a musical sermon. Please plan on joining us.

“ON BROADWAY” FREE CONCERT



First Church in Chestnut Hill Presents
ON BROADWAY

THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023 AT 7PM
SELECTIONS FROM HAMILTON, LES MISERABLES,
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, AND MORE

Christina Grandy de Oliveira, Soprano
Kristin Hagan, Mezzo Soprano
Jack Keller, Tenor
Guanghao Yu, Baritone
Kathryn Rosenbach, Piano

TICKETS
FREE

26 Suffolk Rd, Chestnut Hill 02467

It's just around the corner! On Thursday, May 4, 2023, First Church in Chestnut Hill presents "On Broadway".

Our professional pianist and quartet will perform selections from Rent, Hamilton, My Fair Lady, Carousel, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and more.

The concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome to enjoy a night of Broadway fun!

NEWTON SERVES - MAY 7

FCCH will be participating in NewtonSERVES 2023 on May 7. This event is hosted by the Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, with the goal of beautifying public spaces and building community through service. If you're interested in doing some gardening on May 7, contact Sally Baker at sallybbaker@comcast.net

GAIA SONGS: SEEKING EQUILIBRIUM

Our own Susan Farist Butler has an art show in the Yellow Hall Gallery at Harvard Divinity School through May 10. Email sbutler@hds.harvard.edu or chat with Sue for more details!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 10:00am on Wednesdays on zoom. Contact him at mjtcaggiano@gmail.com to be included on the zoom invitation list. All are welcome.

DONATIONS

Collection has returned to its traditional format during the service. If you wish, you may also make your donation via Zelle or mail a check to the church, Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

If you would like to join the group of volunteer scripture readers, please contact Carol Lohe (ctroyen@mfa.org.) This is a rewarding opportunity to be part of our Sunday services.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Attention flower donors: please contact Dana Flynn (617-680-0702) to coordinate the delivery of your flower donation. He will meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date. If you prefer, we also have tasteful silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar. Please contact our administrator Ashley Mulcaire, 26Suffolk@gmail.com if you are interested in donating flowers.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

..... *grow spiritually*
to *foster community*
..... *serve others*

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FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

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