

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



June 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

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

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

What will you do this summer?

I do not presume that it will all be “vacation” but hope that there will some time away, in the literal or figurative sense. Time away from what one has to do in exchange for what one wants to do. It could be a few weeks or a few weekends. It could be the whole season or some cherished breaks from work. Summer seems to be the most forgiving time for being away, whatever that means to you.

I used to take trips to faraway places. That was when my children were on break from school. Now their schooling and working lives make that less workable. And so, I stay closer to home, unless I am making the trek out to New York to see my granddaughter.

There is a pattern to my summer. Going to local festivals. Browsing at the Brimfield Fair. Heading up to Cape Anne for fried clams and ocean breezes. This is not about novelty. It is an exercise in going back to the old places. Stepping into a familiar rhythm. Some things have changed along the way and there are interesting new experiences to be found even in these routines. But there is something to be said for looking out on the water from the same place or walking through the same woods once again. Maybe pop into the little shop that is still there after all this time.

I do not mean to dissuade anyone from adventure in new places. Take those opportunities when they arise, as you like. But there is nothing wrong with a glass of iced tea on the porch. Nothing lesser about taking in the familiar strains of birdsong and cicadas. If that is where your heart goes when it seeks to find joy, there is nothing wrong with wandering again down comforting paths of simplicity and peace.

God bless,
~Mark

JUNE 4

Sermon: In the Beginning
Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-5, Matthew 28:16-20, Psalm 8
Scripture Reader: Rev. Mark
Usher: David Brooks
Coffee Hour: Cecily & John Cornish
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Alice and John Cornish and their sons Charles and William Cornish by their family

JUNE 11

Sermon: What God Desires
Scriptures: Hosea 5:15-6:6, Matthew 9:9-13, Psalm 50:7-15
Scripture Reader: Joe Hicks
Usher: David Gabel
Coffee Hour: End of Year Picnic
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Caroline Ruth Thompson by Neil, Kathy, Jeffrey, Elisabeth, Sebastian, and Oliver

Services from June 18 through July 30 are at 9:00am

JUNE MUSIC

June 4, 2023

Prelude:	<i>Prelude in D minor</i>	Bach
Anthem:	<i>Almighty and Everlasting God</i>	Gibbons
Hymn:	<i>We Gather Together</i>	#21
Prayer Response:	<i>Now Let Us Come Before Him</i>	Bach
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought</i>	Ford
Hymn:	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	#38
Hymn:	<i>Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#228
Choral Amen:	<i>Sevenfold Amen</i>	Stainer
Postlude:	<i>Nun freut euch lieben Christen</i>	Bach

June 11, 2023

Prelude:	<i>Miniature</i>	Peeters
Anthem:	<i>Alleluia</i>	Thompson
Hymn:	<i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	#1
Prayer Response:	<i>Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow</i>	
Offertory Anthem:	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Bullard
Hymn:	<i>Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	#440
Hymn:	<i>Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory</i>	#443
Choral Amen:	<i>God be With You Till We Meet Again</i>	
Postlude:	<i>Miniature</i>	Peeters

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

As we close the church year, I want to thank the Quartet for such beautiful singing this year. May all of you have a healthy, restful, and fun summer.

- Kathryn Rosenbach

SUMMER SERVICES

From Sunday June 18 to Sunday July 30, we will be following our summer service schedule. Services will be at 9:00 am in the parish hall. There is no service on July 2 in deference to Independence Day. Bear in mind we now have air conditioning, if that is a selling point for you. We are then off for the month of August, returning on Sunday September 10.

END OF THE CHURCH YEAR PICNIC

We will have our end of the year picnic on Sunday, June 11 after our regular 10:30 am service. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also need some intrepid grillers to help us tend the fires. Call your FCCH friends, and make sure they're coming too! Please contact our church admin Ashley with any questions or to let us know you are coming.

A CELEBRATION OF PRIDE!

Saturday, June 10th ~ 10:00 a.m.

Arlington Street Church, 20 Arlington Street, Boston

Come one, come all, to the annual pre-parade Pride service and celebration, featuring a live band and a surprise! Join in as we celebrate our proud history and strengthen one another for the challenges that lie ahead. Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, accomplices — *all are welcome!* Following the service, we'll leave to march in the parade and head to the festival together. Come for the fun! *All in!*

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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