

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



September 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

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

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

In Japan, there is a tradition known as *kintsugi*. When a piece of pottery is broken, it can be mended by joining the pieces together with lacquer that is then dusted over with gold or another precious metal. In this way, the object along with its history are both preserved, continuing in a new form. This is one way of creating beauty, even from that which is broken.

This fall, I will be giving a sermon series on the nature of beauty and the ways in which beauty has influenced religion over time. I will look at music, of course, but also painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, and other art forms. My hope is to offer an understanding of the sacred through different lenses of art.

Church is about many things. The wisdom of the ages. The joys of community. And the beauty of creation as interpreted through the minds of artists, whether depicted on the page or arrayed about a sanctuary. Beauty in its various forms offers us an opportunity to stop and to look around with greater attention. To listen to sounds arranged for the head and heart. To walk through buildings designed to help human beings live and enjoy life. To look deeply into what a creative mind has offered to the world. Please join us in this consideration of what is beautiful in this world and, by doing so, hopefully make our days a little more beautiful in the process.

Administrative note: Ashley Mulcaire, our church admin, has given her notice. She was working multiple church jobs and the toll of time became too much. We wish her all the best and thank her for the time she was with us. We are in the process of interviewing for a new staffer and hope to have someone shortly. Until then, I will be filling in, so please be patient when it takes perhaps a bit longer to achieve some churchly objective.

God bless,
~Mark

September 10

Sermon: *The Epic Tale of a People*
Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14, Matthew 18:15-20, Psalm 119:33-40
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Westy Saltonstall
Coffee Hour: Carol and Werner Lohe
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Samuel Adams and Scott Ashley by the First Church.

September 17

Sermon: *The Ancient Songs We Sing*
Scriptures: Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Matthew 18:21-35, Psalm 103
Scripture Reader: Sally Baker
Usher: Lisle Baker
Coffee Hour: Lisle and Sally Baker
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of our dear friend Jennifer Mertens Brock by Sally and Lisle Baker.

September 24

Sermon: *The Grandest of Dramas*
Scriptures: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Matthew 20:1-16, Psalm 145
Scripture Reader: Bert Dane
Usher: Bert Dane
Coffee Hour: Bert and Sally Dane
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Ann and Tom Gannett by the Brooks family.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 10, 2023

Prelude	2 Miniatures	Peeters
Anthem	Sound the Cymbals	Schubert
Hymn 1	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide	Bach
Offertory Anthem	O be Joyful in the Lord	Purcell
Hymn 439	Not Alone for Mighty Empire	
Hymn 443	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Toccata	Buxtehude

September 17, 2023

Prelude	Toccata	Frescobaldi
Anthem	Down by the River to Pray	Spiritual
Hymn 9	Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne	
Response	All Men Living Are but Mortal	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Ave Verum	Mozart
Hymn 391	Be Thou My Vision	
Hymn 27	O Be Joyful in the Lord	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Fugue	Seeger

September 24, 2023

Prelude	Adagio	Marcello
Anthem	De Profundis	Mozart
Hymn 21	We Gather Together	
Response	Awake My Heart	Bach
Offertory Anthem	The Heavens are Telling	Beethoven
Hymn 427	We Are Living, We Are Dwelling	
Hymn 236	Life of Ages, Richly Poured	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	The Heavens Declare	Marcello

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

Welcome back! It is wonderful to be back in person after a long summer.

Both Jack and Kristin have resigned for personal reasons. We are sorry to see them go and wish them well.

I'd like to welcome Sam Crosby-Schmidt (tenor) and Lucy Martindale (mezzo soprano) who are joining our Quartet with Christina and Gunghao.

We are looking forward to a great Fall. Please keep your attention posted for an Italian Opera Concert in October and a Messiah Sing in December.

Happy Fall!

PREVIEW OF FALL EVENTS

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for *Sunday, October 15* after the service. Lunch will be served. Please keep an eye out for the Annual Meeting Warrant in the October bulletin.

A Memorial Service for Samuel Adams and Scott Ashley: On *Sunday, October 22*, we will be having a memorial service for Sam Adams, our beloved longtime music director, and his partner Scott Ashely, who both died this summer. This will be during the regular service time on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and we would love to have a good turnout from the congregation, friends of the church, and the quartet's alumni. We might not have every current email and address, so please feel free to pass this message along. Lunch will be served afterwards in the parish hall.

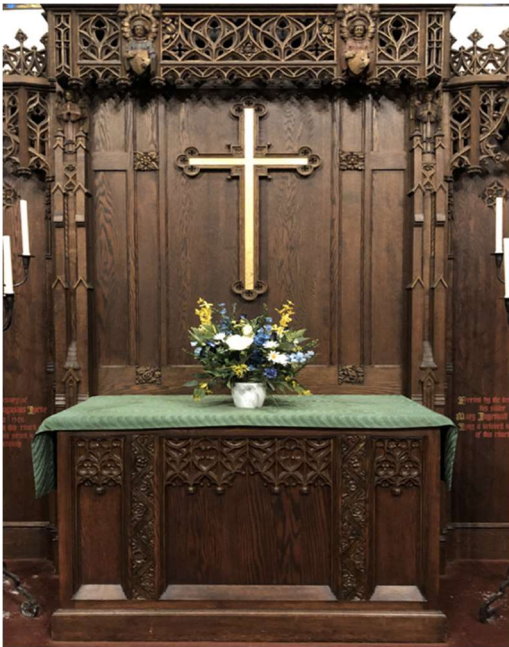
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

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.

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.

If you would like to donate flowers, multiple dates are still available for the year. Please contact Rev. Mark if you are interested at mjtcaggiano@gmail.com.

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.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

to grow spiritually
to foster community
to serve others

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FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

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