

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



October 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, Minister

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

I remember back to June as we readied for the start of summer. People were looking forward to going up to the mountains or down to the seashore. Out to an island or away on a road trip. Mind you, it was rather wet this summer, but still.

I must confess that, personally, I do not like the summer. The weather is too hot, the roads too crowded. It is not my cup of tea. But, to summer's credit, it does lead into my favorite time of the year: autumn. And that is truly for me the best time of year.

Part of this seasonal preference is my association of events. Fall is the time for changing leaves and harvest celebrations. The weather is cool and crisp, or at least more so. And we enter a time of holidays that are more than an excuse for a barbeque and a sale on household appliances.

I love Halloween, even when the decorations go on sale in August. I like seeing children dress up and walk around "trick or treating." Last year, I was helping give out candy at my daughter's apartment—my beard was particularly long that week. So, when a little girl sheepishly asked her mother if I was Santa Claus, I gave her a hearty "Ho, ho, ho," and she laughed.

The flow of life over the next few months is tied into these days of celebration. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day are each times for gratitude and reflection. On Halloween, and All Souls Sunday, we are reminded of those we have loved who are now of blessed memory. On Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the blessings of this life and, hopefully, the blessings of friends and family gathered round. On Christmas, we call to mind the birth of Jesus and the possibilities of peace, hope, and love in our days and in our world. And on New Year's Day, we start afresh with a new day and a new year.

We can get caught up in the superficial aspects of the holidays, but these days and months ahead can also be a time to think back upon what we have received and experienced during the past year. We can count our blessings, resolve ourselves to seek new opportunities, and remember those who are dear to us and those who have meant so much to us over the years.

You will hear it many times over the coming months, but nonetheless I wish happy holidays to one and all.

God bless,
~Mark

October 1

Sermon: The Architecture of the Holy
Scriptures: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Matthew 21:23-32, Psalm 25
Scripture Reader: Bert Dane
Usher: Bert Dane
Coffee Hour: Jennifer Morss Drayton
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Catherine Bobroff-Cleaves by Bianca DiNapoli, Eric Wise, and Lisa DiNapoli.

October 8

Sermon: The Art of Broadway
Scriptures: Isaiah 5:1-7, Matthew 21:33-46, Psalm 80
Scripture Reader: Susan Welch
Usher: John Welch
Coffee Hour: Linda and Joe Hicks
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of William F. and Irene L. McCandless by the Welch family.

October 15

Sermon: The Form of Beauty
Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-14, Matthew 22:1-14, Psalm 106
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Coffee Hour: Annual meeting—lunch instead of coffee hour.
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Sandy Belfer by her husband Myron Belfer.

October 22

Sermon: Memorial Service for Sam Adams and Scott Ashley
Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, John 14:1-6, Psalm 121
Scripture Reader: No reader
Usher: Werner Lohe
Coffee Hour: Service for Sam Adams—lunch instead of coffee hour
Altar Flowers: Sam Adams

October 29

Sermon: The Pilgrim's Progress
Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Matthew 22:34-46, Psalm 1
Scripture Reader: Joe Hicks
Usher: Westy Saltonstall
Coffee Hour: Deborah and David Brooks
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Nan and Walt St. Goar by their family.

OCTOBER MUSIC

October 1, 2023

Prelude	Magnificat noni toni	Buxtehude
Anthem	Adoramus te	Palestrina
Hymn 104	Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	
Response	O Hear, My God, My Pray'r	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Filiae Jerusalem	Gabrieli
Hymn 358	Rock of Ages	
Hymn 217	Lord of All Hopefulness	
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Fugue in C	Buxtehude

October 8, 2023

Prelude	Meditation	Widor
	Voluntary	Greene
Hymn 38	Morning Has Broken	
Anthem	Day by Day	Schwartz
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light	Bach
Offertory Anthem	You'll Never Walk Alone/Climb Every Mountain	Rogers and Hammerstein II
Hymn 7	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	
Hymn 478	All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Persichetti
Postlude	Now Let Us to God, the Lord, Give Thanks	Pachelbel

October 15, 2023

Prelude	Chaconne in F major	Couperin
Anthem	Da Pacem Domine	Part
Hymn	May Nothing Evil Cross this Door	
Response	Draw Us to Thee	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Salve Regina	Poulenc
Hymn	Amazing Grace	
Hymn	Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire	
Choral Amen	Threifold Amen	Persichetti
Postlude	Fugue	Handel

October 22, 2023

Prelude	Allein Gott in der Hoh' sei Her	Coe
	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach
Anthem	The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee	Berger
Hymn 38	Morning Has Broken	
Response	Let my prayer come up	Purcell
Offertory Anthem	Come My Way	Vaughn Williams
Hymn	Amazing Grace	
Hymn 8	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	
Choral Amen	A Gaelic Blessing	Rutter
Postlude	Gigue	Bach

October 29, 2023

Prelude	Christus der ist mein	Coe
	Prelude	Bach
Anthem	Adoro te Devote	Gregorian Chant
Hymn 37	Still, Still With Thee	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Cantate Domino	Gregorian Chant
Hymn 70	Let Us With a Gladsome Mind	
Hymn 74	O How Glorious, Full of Wonder	
Choral Amen	Sevenfold Amen	Stainer
Postlude	Toccata	Sweelinck

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

On Thursday October 26 at 7pm, the Quartet and myself will perform An Evening of Italian Opera.

Selections include works by Gluck, Handel, Mozart, Donizetti, Bellini and Verdi, among others.

The admission is free and all are welcome. Please spread the word-it should be a wonderful evening.

QUICK REMINDER OF OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 15: Annual Meeting after morning services.

Sunday, October 22: A memorial service for Sam Adams and Scott Ashley at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 26: A Night of Italian Opera at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN CHESTNUT HILL

Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

The business of the meeting will be:

To elect a moderator for the coming year.

To hear and act upon reports of the treasurer, the minister, and several committees of the church.

To elect a treasurer and a clerk for the coming year.

To elect two members of the Standing Committee.

To discuss and approve the budget for the coming year.*

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

There will be a short meeting of the new Standing Committee at the end of the Annual Meeting.

A light luncheon buffet will be served instead of coffee hour. All members of the church are cordially invited to attend. Kindly rsvp by Monday, October 9, 2023 (26suffolk@gmail.com).

*Those wishing to view the budget may do so by contacting Victor Strama (26suffolk@gmail.com). Those wishing to view and/or print the bylaws may do so by visiting the Church History page on our website (www.firstchurchchestnuthill.org).

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 10:00am on Wednesdays on Zoom. We are studying the Book of Ezekiel, which is perhaps the weirdest book in the Bible. Contact Rev. Mark 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 Victor Strama if you are interested at 26suffolk@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

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

ORGANIST and MUSIC DIRECTOR

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FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

Please contact Rev. Mark at the church or via email (mjtcaggiano@gmail.com)



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