

the first church in chestnut hill

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



September 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, Minister

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

Stories are at the core of what it means to be human. If you think about it, civilization itself is built around stories. For what is history but a story about who we have been. And what is culture but a story about who we think we are. Even religion can be described as a story: an extended story about who we hope to be. It is no coincidence that Jesus taught through parables, a form of story intended to convey a moral and ethic outlook to those who might listen.

This fall, we will begin the church year with a series of sermons about stories – movies specifically. Not every film rises to the level of a parable, but films can reflect what we consider to be important. They are stories we come back to again and again. Some people orient their holidays around viewing certain old favorites, such as *It's a Wonderful Life* or the *Ten Commandments*. Other movies harken back to various times in our lives, such as our childhood memories or the moments we have shared with children. Movies are entertainment, of course, but the great ones tell us a lot about the world around us and ourselves.

On Wednesday nights at 7pm, we will be screening films in the parish hall. You can alternatively queue up the movie from the comforts of home. The following Sunday, I will offer a sermon about the film and what it might mean in light of the scripture readings and the times we find ourselves in. We will start on 9/8 with *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, a classic movie of absurdist humor. For the remainder of September, we will then enjoy *Casablanca*, the *Princess Bride*, and *Dr. Strangelove*. The series will continue through All Souls Sunday, including a special 10/6 service for the Blessing of the Animals with musings on the *Wizard of Oz* (because there is a dog, of course).

Movies This Fall

9/8 – *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

9/15 – *Casablanca*

9/22 – *Princess Bride*

9/29 – *Dr. Strangelove*

10/6 – *Wizard of Oz* (Blessing of the Animals)

10/13 – *Young Frankenstein*

10/20 – *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (Annual Meeting)

10/27 – *Westside Story*

11/3 – *Coco* (All Souls Communion)

God bless,
~Mark

September 8

Sermon: Monty Python and the Holy Grail
Scriptures: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Mark 7:24-37, Psalm 125
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker
Usher: Westy Saltonstall
Coffee Hour: Lisle and Sally Baker
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Beck by Sally and Lisle Baker.

September 15

Sermon: Casablanca
Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Mark 8:27-38, Psalm 19
Scripture Reader: Bert Dane
Usher: Bert Dane
Coffee Hour: Homecoming Cookout – No Coffee Hour
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in gratitude for the Christian work of the Lend a Hand Society by the Perrys.

September 22

Sermon: Princess Bride
Scriptures: Proverbs 31:10-31, Mark 9:30-37, Psalm 1
Scripture Reader: Joe Hicks
Usher: David Brooks
Coffee Hour: Linda and Joe Hicks
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Ann and Tom Gannett by the Brooks family.

September 29

Sermon: Dr. Strangelove
Scriptures: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Mark 9:38-50, Psalm 124
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Coffee Hour: Carol and Werner Lohe
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Doris and Herman Welch by the Welch family.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 8, 2024

Prelude	3 Miniatures	Peeters
Anthem	Ave Verum Corpus	Mozart
Hymn 1	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Locus iste	Bruckner
Hymn 10	Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne	
Hymn 443	Mine Eye's Have Seen the Glory	
Choral Amen	587 Twofold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Gigue	Handel

September 15, 2024

Prelude	Toccata	Frescobaldi
Anthem	Panis angelicus	Franck
Hymn 72	The Spacious Firmament on High	
Response	All Men are but Mortal	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Salve Regina	Poulenc
Hymn 7	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	
Hymn 8	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Canzona	Buxtehude

September 22, 2024

Prelude	Magnificat primi toni	Buxtehude
Anthem	O salutaris Hostia	Rossini
Hymn 21	We Gather Together	
Response	Awake, My Heart	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Christus factus est	Anerio
Hymn 70	Let Us With A Gladsome Mind	
Hymn 478	All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Fugue	Seeger

September 29, 2024

Prelude	Chaconne	Couperin
Anthem	If ye love me	Tallis
Hymn 85	I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes	
Response	From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Jesu dulcis memoria	Da Vittoria
Hymn 382	Onward Christian Soldiers	
Hymn 439	Not Alone for Mighty Empire	
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Offertoire	Franck

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

It is my joy to welcome Becca Allen, mezzo-soprano, and MinSun Im, tenor to our Quartet. Both are quite accomplished and we look forward to hearing their beautiful singing.

QUICK REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming Picnic: On Sunday, September 15, we will once again have a homecoming picnic on the church lawn. The church will provide burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. We ask that those attending bring a favorite cookout side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Victor at 26suffolk@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly.

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th after the service. Lunch will be served. Please keep an eye out for the Annual Meeting Warrant in the October bulletin.

Save the Date: There will be a “Blessing of the Animals” on October 6th after service on the church lawn. If you plan on bringing an animal for the blessing, we kindly ask that it be friendly with other animals and humans.

FCCH IN THE COMMUNITY

To start the church year, we are collecting “always needed items” for the Brookline Food Pantry. These items include:

- Gluten-free snacks
- Low-sugar (diabetes-friendly) snacks
- Dried fruits
- Snacks for kids

Please bring all donations to the church (a table in the parish hall is designated for our collection) or to the Baker’s side porch at 137 Suffolk Rd.

The drive will run until Thanksgiving. Let’s help stock their shelves!

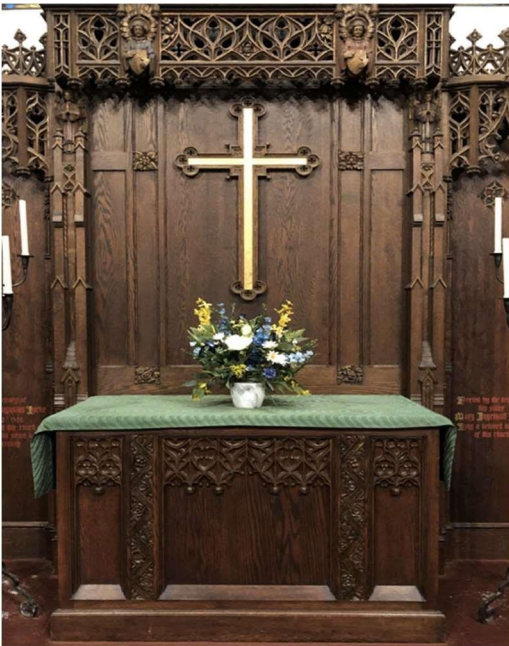
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 10:00am on Wednesdays on Zoom. We are studying the Book of Genesis. 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
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grow spiritually
foster community
serve others

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FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

Please contact Rev. Mark at the church or via email
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