

the first church in chestnut hill

November 2025

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



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VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

A prayer of gratitude and grace for Thanksgiving:

Dear God, we give thanks.

We give thanks for your presence among us
and for all those gathered together today.

We give thanks for your love of us
and for the love we have known.

We give thanks for the gift of life
and so may we treat this life as truly a precious gift.

We give thanks for the light of your guidance
and so may we seek out that light always.

We give thanks for the blessings we have received
and so may we be a blessing to all we meet.

And we give thanks for what we are about to receive, for the hands that
prepared it, for the dear souls that share it, and for the dawn of each new day.

Gracious God, we give thanks to you. Amen.

God bless, Mark.



BELOVEDNESS

Hola community, this is your ministerial intern and admin, Diego Garrido. I thank you for your presence at the memorial of Sandy Batchelder, and I thank you who came the next day to church, you are persistent and devoted, double blessed.

That Saturday I had the blessing to meet your minister emeritus Rev. Joe Bassett. We had the chance to talk, while his hand gestures were up in the air, with strong authority. He told me of his time at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, or when he was an intern and had to record his sermons, with a cassette, for his supervisor. I wonder how different it was then? Now I use Artificial Intelligence (not for sermons), I type LOL (laughing out loud) and the church has an Instagram account. *Times, They Are A-Changing.*

I thank each of you for the adaptations we have integrated in our services, in order to make our community a beloved one. For example, take a chance to look at your Order of Service. I made the size of the letters big, I added the prayers from the Prayer Book, so that newcomers and visitors have the chance to follow us without difficulties.

For this beloved community, in the making, I keep in mind what Dorothy Day said: “Everybody wants a revolution, but nobody wants to do the dishes.” As you may see her message framed in my office, I pray we find ways in which the teachings of Jesus helps us to do more dishes, to make sandwiches and to adapt for the times that are bringing a wind of revolution, one that started in our hearts first, so that, perhaps, it spreads in our relatives, and then, only then, to the world.

Con mucho gusto, Diego.

November 2

Sermon: All Souls Communion
Scriptures: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Luke 6:20-31
Scripture Reader: David Brooks
Usher: David Brooks
Flowers: Given in loving memory of John Munro Morss by Jennifer Morss Drayton and her family.
Coffee Hour: Deborah and David Brooks.

November 9

Sermon: Discipleship
Scriptures: Job 19:23-27a; Luke 20: 27-38
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Werner Lohe
Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Sandy Batchelder by his wife Molly and his family.
Coffee Hour: Carol and Werner Lohe.

November 16

Sermon: Living Buddha, Living Christ (Diego)
Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17:25, Luke 21: 5-19
Scripture Reader: Patricia Schneider
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Flowers: In Loving memory of Nam and Walter St Goar from their friends at First Church.
Coffee Hour: Patricia Schneider

November 23

Sermon: What's in a name?
Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43
Scripture Reader: David Cornish
Usher: David Cornish
Flowers: In loving memory of Joan Cave by Bill Lincoln and her family
Coffee Hour: Pauline Ho Bynum

November 30

Sermon: Troubles I've Seen (Diego)
Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker
Usher: Lisle Baker
Flowers: John and Susan Welch: in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs C.H. Welch by the Welch family.
Coffee Hour: Ludy and Garret Shih

NOVEMBER MUSIC

November 2, 2025 – All Souls

Prelude	Fantasia	de Santa Maria
Anthem	Hear my prayer, O God	Arcadelt
Hymn 311	Ten Thousand by Ten Thousand	
Response	O Christ, who art the Light and Day	Bach
Offertory Anthem	The Lord's Prayer	Stone
Hymn 352	Lift Up Your Hearts	
Hymn 289	Father We Thank You who has	Planted
Hymn 306	For All the Saints	
Choral Response	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Christ der ist mein	Coe

November 9, 2025

Prelude	Allein Gott in der Hoh' sei Her	Coe
Anthem	Gott ist mein Hirt	Schubert
Hymn 2	All Glory Be to God on High	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Unser Lieben Frauen Traum	Reger
Hymn 363	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	
Hymn 441	Once to Every Man and Nation	
Choral Response	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren	Pachelbel

November 16, 2025

Prelude	Ricercare	Palestrina
Anthem	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	Temple
Hymn 1 (Grey)	May Nothing Evil Cross This Door	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Grant Me True Courage, Lord	Bach
Hymn 8 (Grey)	Mother Spirit, Father Spirit	
Hymn 8	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
Choral Response	Twofold Amen	Persichetti
Postlude	Trio par Contrefugue	Chaumont

November 23, 2025

Prelude	Vesper Voluntaries	Elgar
Anthem	Behold, How Good and Joyful	
Hymn 7	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	
Response	Now Let Us Come Before Him	Bach
Offertory Anthem	I Sat Down Under His Shadow	
Hymn	We Shall Overcome	
Response	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	
Choral Response	Threefold Amen	Persichetti
Postlude	Gavotte	Wesley

November 30, 2025 – 1st Advent

Prelude	Pater Noster	Foote
Anthem	The Gift of Love	Hopson
Hymn 478	All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Response	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Simple Gifts	
Hymn 108 (Grey)	My Life Flows On in Endless Song	Copland
Hymn 118 (Grey)	This Little Light of Mine	Stainer
Choral Response	Sevenfold Amen	
Postlude	Nun freut euch, lieben Christen	Bach

HENRI NOUWEN READING GROUP

Gente, the Henri Nouwen Association has invited us to join their online reading group for November 10, 17 and 24. We are going to continue with the book *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life*. I cannot stop recommending Nouwen for your spiritual journey. Feel free to use this QR code to access their web page and read the description of this reading group. This is so exciting!



Monday, November 10, 17 and 24 7:00 PM

GROUP FOR SPIRITUAL CARE AND SUPPORT

This season can be hard. Maybe, you need someone to listen and to hear your pain, your joys and your troubles. Diego, our intern for this church year, wants to offer you the chance to find yourself in a space of comfort, support and prayer. You are invited twice a month to explore God's voice in your chosen community. We will be listening for an hour to each other and find support by being vulnerable one unto another.

Thursday, November 13 & 27 7:00PM.

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

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

SAVE THE DATES

Nov 2 - All Souls Communion*

Nov 9 - Capuchin Ministries visit/Sandwich making 9AM

Nov 12, 19, 26, 3, 10, 17 - Movie Nights 6:00 p.m.

Nov 13 & 27 - Group for Spiritual Care and Support (online)

Nov 10, 17, 24 - Henry Nouwen Reading group (online)

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Service at the Redeemer (Preacher: Diego)

Dec 4 – Messiah Singing 7:00 PM

*Please feel free to bring in a framed photo of a loved one you wish to remember on this day of remembrance to be displayed during the service.

FCCH in the Community

It's November, so please be on the lookout for a bright orange flyer, signaling the Sixth Phantom Thanksgiving Fair. At this time of year, we continue to raise money to support two local food pantries, The Brookline Food Pantry and The Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton. While the traditional in-person Fair is no longer feasible, the need to provide groceries to the food insecure in our community is greater than ever. Both pantries have seen an increase in the number of families seeking essential provisions for their families. Please consider making a donation by sending a check in the envelope provided in the orange flyer.

CAPUCHIN MOBILE MINISTRIES

On November 9 at 9:00 AM we will make a hundred sandwiches for Capuchin Ministries, an outreach van and ministry of presence that have served over 15,000 sandwiches each year on the streets of Boston and Cambridge for those who have experienced homelessness, poverty and loneliness. We will gather two hours before worship to do the sandwiches that will be served for those in need.

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...”

MOVIE NIGHTS

This is your chance to enjoy in *familia*, with your community, a curated selection of movies. Almost all genres and well-known directors that will provoke your curiosity. We hope these spark your conversations and discussions for the rest of the week.

Nov 5 - The Sound of Music

Nov 12 - The Big Lebowski

Nov 19 - Django Unchained

Nov 26 - No movie night, Thanksgiving Eve

Dec 3 - Fantastic Mr. Fox

Dec 10 - Last Holiday

Dec 17 - A Muppets Family Christmas

ART SPACE

Need a space outside home to finish your project? Wonder what are we doing with the space for Sunday School? Do you need support (and accountability) to finish your projects of art? Do you want to explore new techniques or bring your school art supplies you have kept aside? My dear beloved, this is your chance.

Any time, feel free to contact our church admin 26suffolkrd@gmail.com with more questions.

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 silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar.

If you would like to donate flowers, Please contact Diego at 26suffolk@gmail.com.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays on Zoom. In November we are studying selections from the Book of Revelations.



Contact Rev. Mark to be included on the Zoom invitation list at mjtcaggiano@gmail.com. All are welcome.

DONATIONS

If you wish, you may 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.



Messiah Sing

DEC 04

7:00 PM



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Christina Grandy de Oliveira - Soprano

Nicole Plummer - Mezzo soprano

MinSun Im - Tenor

Guanghao Yu - Baritone

Kathryn Rosenbach - Piano

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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