

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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*the first church in
chestnut hill*

May 2026

[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



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

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Diego Garrido Barreto, *Ministerial Intern*

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

There are many reasons to *belong* to a church, and yet these are not exactly the same reasons as why one *goes* to church. The experience of worship is important for both going and belonging. But to be a part of a church, as opposed to being the beneficiary of church, that is a different experience.

I imagine it is much like inviting someone to your house for a meal. The person being invited is a guest and as a guest they are treated in a certain way. You offer hospitality, you shoo them out of the kitchen when they try to clean up: "Oh no, you're a guest. Please take it easy and I will take care of all this later." It is of course great to be a guest, to have others dote on your presence. You might bring wine or dessert, but you are still in that special role.

But if you keep going to dinners long enough, you might migrate from the category of "guest" into that of a close friend. Someone who will hear nothing of the host's complaints and start cleaning up the dishes unbidden. Some people will always remain in that guest category, and these are important people with whom to have good and close relationships. But there is a difference when you slip into that closer circle. And that is what I consider it means to become a member. It does not mean you have to do all the dishes. But it is a step from being welcomed to being the one welcoming.

On Sunday June 7, we will be having what I am calling "Membership Sunday." The service will be about membership and what it means to be a part of the church. And I will have available the membership book for those interested in signing.

What does it mean to sign? It means that you are willing to be someone who thinks about the congregation as a shared concern. You will not be required to weed the garden or anything like that. But when the church needs people to help out, to lend a hand, to volunteer for this or that, you are saying you are ready to say "yes." You may have even been doing this for some time, so it might not seem like a change. This is an invitation, not a requirement, not a command performance. And you are most welcome to join.

If you have questions about, or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact me.

God bless, Mark

BELOVEDNESS

Community, paraphrasing the First Letter of Paul to the Romans: *First, I give thanks to my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is heralded throughout* this month of May. Mothers, this is my chance to reach out to each of you. My heart is longing. Ordination is coming, mothers, please, pray for me.

I will be wearing a clergy collar, will I resist the tears? The Brookline Interfaith community will join us, my brother, my partner, even MIA's Bakery will come. I got an email from the Colombian Consulate in Boston explaining why they won't be able to join us. If you ask me, there is one person I won't be able to bring to this day, and I feel it deep down in my heart. Mama.

God is my witness, whom I serve in this church, proclaiming a gospel of a love that is wider than our understanding. I remember my mother constantly, always asking in my prayers that somehow by God's will I may at last find my way clear to come to her and to dedicate this special day to Patricia, thousand miles away from her.

For I am not ashamed of this feeling. It is the power of longing that saves me from despair or hopelessness. For everyone who believes in a better world, what are you longing for?

Con mucho gusto, Diego.

May 3

Sermon: Miriam
Scriptures: Exodus 15:20-21, John 14:1-14
Scripture Reader: David Brooks
Usher: David Brooks
Flowers: In loving memory of Dorothy and John Brooks by Deborah and David Brooks.
Coffee Hour: Sarah and Andrew Welch

May 10

Sermon: Mary Magdalene (Diego)
Scriptures: Judges 4:1-9, Mark 16:1-11
Scripture Reader: Susan Welch
Usher: Werner Lohe
Flowers: In loving memory of Alice deV. and Lewis F. Perry by their children and grandchildren.
Coffee Hour: Susan and John Welch

May 17

Sermon: Musical Sunday!
Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14, , John 14:15-21
Scripture Reader: Mark Chadbourne
Usher: David Cornish
Flowers: In loving memory of Walter and Madeline Van Tassel by Judith Vanderkay and family.
Coffee Hour: CeeCee and David Cornish

May 24

Sermon: Pentecost
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23
Scripture Reader: Patricia Schneider
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Flowers: In loving memory of Sandy Belfer by her husband Myron Belfer.
Coffee Hour: Patricia Schneider

May 31

Sermon: Trinity Sunday
Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-10, Matthew 28:16-20
Scripture Reader: David Cornish
Usher: David Cornish
Flowers: Given in loving memory of John G. and Alice S. Cornish, Charles S. Cornish, and William G. Cornish by their family.
Coffee Hour: Cecily and John Cornish

June 7

Sermon: What God Wants
Scriptures: Hosea 5:15-6:6, Matthew 9:9-13
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Mark Chadbourne
Flowers: (Open spot available)
Coffee Hour: Mark Chadbourne

June 14

Sermon: Welcome Summer! (Diego)
Scriptures: Exodus 19:2-8a, Matthew 9:35-10:8
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker
Usher: Lisle Baker
Flowers: First Church CH
Coffee Hour: Sarah and Andrew Welch



SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, **May 7** – 7:00 PM
Spring Concert at the Church: Best of Broadway

Sunday, May 17 – 10:30 AM
Musical Sunday

Sunday, May 17 – 4:00 PM
Ordination of Diego Garrido Barreto
(at First Parish Brookline)

Sunday, May 24 – 10:30 AM
Pentecost and Communion

Sunday, **June 7** – 10:30 AM
Membership Sunday!

Sunday, June 14 - 10:30 AM
Last Regular Sunday of the year



MAY MUSIC

May 3, 2026

Prelude	Prelude on 'Wurtemberg	Telemann
Anthem	Sicut cervus	Palestrina
Hymn 26	O Be Joyful in the Lord	
Response	Praise God, the Lord, Ye Sons of Man	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Unser lieben Frauen Traum	Reger
Hymn 216	Lead, Kindly Light	
Hymn 217	Lord of All Hopefulness	
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Improvisation on 'St Magnus'	Waldock

May 10, 2026

Prelude	Schubert Lullaby	Schubert
Prelude	Syrinx	Debussy
Prelude	Prelude from Five Pieces	Shostakovich
Anthem	If ye love me	Tallis
Hymn 228	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
Response	Soar, My Soul, to God on High	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Jesu dulcis memoria	de Victoria
Hymn 465	O Perfect Love	
Hymn (insert)	Amazing Grace	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Persichetti
Postlude	Concerto No. 5 in D Major, Op. 22 (I. Allegro moderato)	Seitz
	<i>Meghan Miller, flute</i>	
	<i>Benjamin Jacoby, violin</i>	

May 17, 2026

Prelude	O filii et filiae	Dandrieu
Anthem	Filiae Jerusalem	Gabrieli
Hymn (insert)	May Nothing Evil Cross This Door	
Response	God Gave to Us This Glorious Day	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Tibi Laus	Lassus

Hymn 66	For the Beauty of the Earth	
Musical Sermon	Mass in G	Schubert
Hymn 478	All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Choral Amen	Old Irish Blessing	Agay
Postlude	Invention No. 4 in D Minor	Bach

May 24, 2026

Prelude	3 Miniatures	Peeters
Hymn 6	O Worship the King, All Glorious Above	
Anthem	Hallelujah	Beethoven
Hymn 8	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
Response	Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him	Bach
Offertory Anthem	God is a Spirit	Kopylov
Hymn 288	Let Us Break Bread Together	
Hymn 443	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	
Choral Amen	Sevenfold Amen	Stainer
Postlude	Postlude on 'Sing Hosanna'	Tambling

May 31, 2026

Prelude	Adagio from Sonata I	Mendelssohn
Anthem	Panis angelicus	Franck
Hymn 74	O How Glorious, Full of Wonder	
Response	Jesus, Who Didst Ever Love Me	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Christus factus est	Anerio
Hymn 2	All Glory Be to God on High	
Hymn (insert)	Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Antiphon	Chausson

SPRING CONCERT AT THE CHURCH

Join us on May 7 at 7:00 PM for an evening of Broadway classics performed by our Music Quartet and Music Director Kathryn Rosenbach. This joyful spring concert invites the whole community to gather, listen, and celebrate together.

Admission is free. All are welcome.

For more information, scan the QR code below.



MUSICAL NOTE!

Guest for Sunday Service May 10, 2026

Flutist Meghan Miller

Dr Meghan Miller performs throughout the Boston area and has performed with groups such as the Boston Lyric Opera, Cape Symphony Orchestra, and Boston Modern Orchestra Project. She is the Associate Director of Powers Music School, where she also teaches flute. She is very excited to spend Mother's Day performing with her son, Benjamin Jacoby. Ben is 11 years old and has been playing violin since he was four. He will be graduating from the 5th grade this spring from Bancroft Elementary School in Andover.

We welcome you Dr. Meghan!

FCCH in the Community

From UU Urban Ministry

Roxbury's Meetinghouse is now completely renovated and open for business! After 5 years of extensive repairs and reconditioning, funded in part by Marshall grants from First Church, the U. U. Urban Ministry's signature building already has hosted major events. In March, the Urban Ministry partnered with the City of Boston to commemorate Gen. Henry Knox's arrival in Boston in 1776 with cannons to drive the British from the city. The celebration, including music and a light show, was attended by Mayor Wu, Lt. Governor Driscoll, and nearly 200 delighted members of the community. Since then, eight UU congregations collaborated on a choral concert raising money for immigrant groups in Boston; Vivo (formerly Celebrity Series) put on a free jazz concert that filled the pews; and the Roxbury Youth Program hosted other Boston student groups in the space. The Meetinghouse is well on its way to becoming a beacon for the community, a space dedicated to furthering freedom and justice for all, one grounded in the past, as Executive Director Rev. Mary Margaret Earl said, "while visioning a brighter tomorrow." We at First Church should be proud to have supported this effort.

191st Annual Meeting – UU Urban Ministry

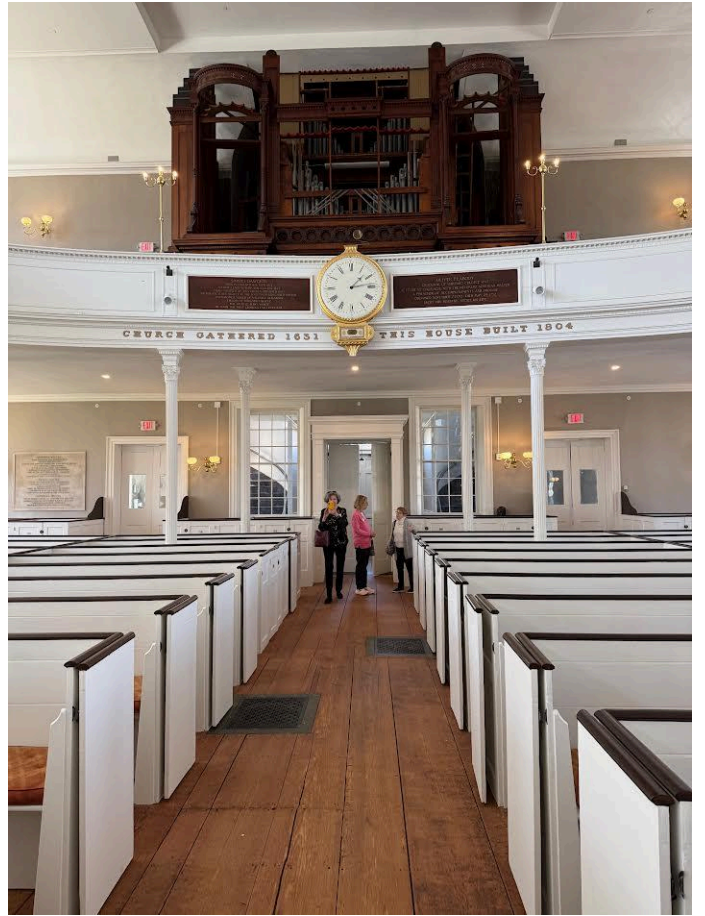
Thursday, May 21 – 5:30–7:00 PM (Virtual, open to the public)

You are warmly invited to attend the 191st Annual Meeting of the UU Urban Ministry. This is a meaningful opportunity to hear about the ongoing work of their programs, receive updates from the UUUM team, and stay connected to the wider movement for racial and social justice in our region.

Upcoming Opportunities

In the summer, you are invited to explore their neighborhood tours and music offerings, including the *Roxbury Ramble* (June 13), *Historic Meetinghouse Tour* (June 25), *Makanda Project Concert* (July 11, 1–4 PM), *From Outlaws to Insiders* (July 25), and *Roots of the 'Bury* (August 8). [Learn more and view full details](#)

These photographs were taken at the annual Delegates' Luncheon on April 28.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact our sexton Dana (617-680-0702) to coordinate the delivery of your flower donation. He can meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date or let us know if you are bringing your own flowers on Sunday. We have vases available or silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar. Our Spring Year is almost full. Our Fall 2026 - June 2027 list will be ready soon. If you would like to reserve a spot to remember your beloved ones, please contact our church administrator at 26suffolk@gmail.com.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays on Zoom. In March we are studying selections from the Gospel of Luke. Contact Rev. Mark to be included on the Zoom list at mjtcaggiano@gmail.com. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

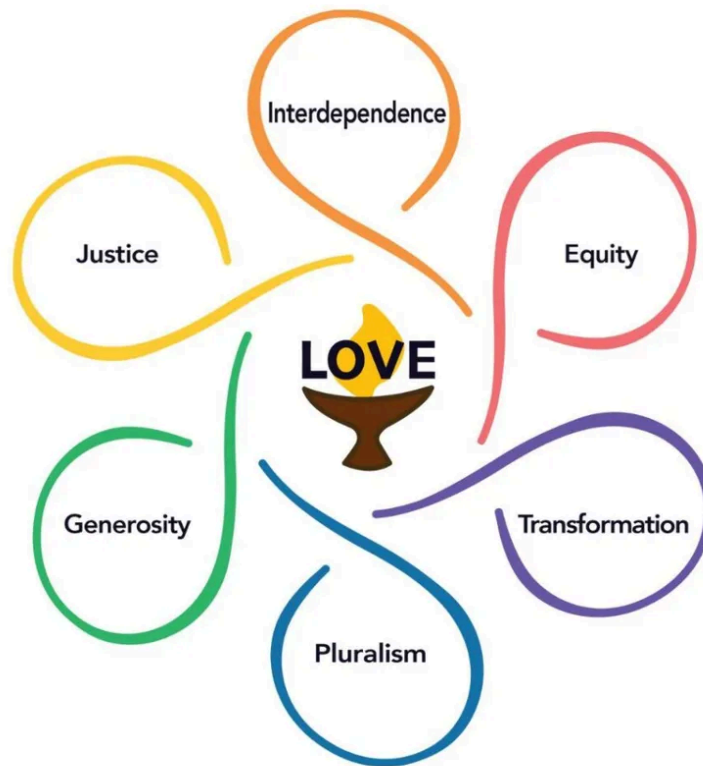
If you would like to join the group of volunteer scripture readers, please contact Carol Lohe at caroltroyenlohe@gmail.com. This is one of many opportunities to be part of our Sunday services.

DONATIONS

If you feel called to give, you may do so via Zelle or by mailing a check to the church (Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467). Thank you for your generosity and care for this community.

We are currently developing additional online giving options to better support this process.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VALUES



Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition that has changed in many ways from the original Christian roots of its Universalist and Unitarian heritages, and it continues to evolve today. Most recently, this evolution has taken the form of adopting new language to describe who we are as UUs. At General Assembly in June 2024, UUs voted to replace existing Seven Principles and Six Sources language in our bylaws with language describing Unitarian Universalism through these shared values, all centered around.

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