

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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[UNITARIAN]

26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET

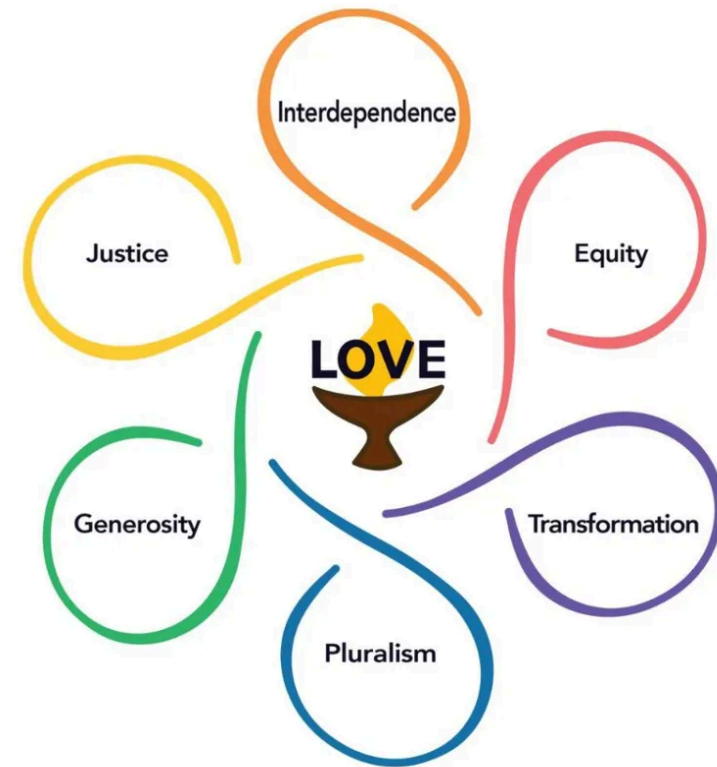


Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, *Minister*
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Skipping Stones

Skipping stones is serious business.
You must stoop down to the earth
And feel the pebbles.
Weighty work worth doing well.
Each river stone smoothed with time and grit,
Tumbling, tumbling from the mountain,
Through ages of ice and summers of sun.
Here now they sit.
Rocks rounded ready
Waiting.
Choose carefully,
Solemnly like a judge.
Look through the lot.
Take your time.
Find the best ones.
You will know them,
I assure you.
Lift those stones to the sky,
And let them fly
Hopping across the water,
Jumping high over marsh and murk,
The silence broken by whispering joys
Let them soar now,
Let them soar.
Take you time.
Watch the ripples grow. See them calm and fade
To glass.
Skipping stones is serious business.

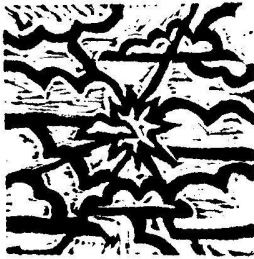
By Rev. Dr. Mark Caggiano



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 LOVE

Upcoming Opportunities at UU Urban Ministries

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](#)



A Prayer for the clergy and people

Almighty and everlasting God, who art the author of every good and perfect gift; send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for thine infinite mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. Taken from the Book of Common Prayer of King's Chapel

BELOVEDNESS

Dear Noah, Violet, Charlie, Lawson, Chiara... Dear children and young adults of our First Church. What is your summer like?

When I started as an intern one of you asked me: “When is Religious Education coming back?” And my answer was, or I remember, that this wasn’t a one person task. Let me explain: When I was Catholic, my grandmother, Stella, taught me the first prayers of my faith. My baptism godmother bought me a book of prayers, my grandfather got me four books of the lives of saints, and when my mother had cancer, she taught me how to pray the rosary with her. My family used to take us downtown Bogota to see those colonial churches built out of gold, wood and fascinating depictions of God, surrounded with warriors, monks, virgins, empresses and beggars with halos in their heads... and it takes a village to be disciples of Jesus, dear reader.

I am writing for you who wonder what it means to be Unitarian or Universalist or a disciple... I want to invite you this Summer to be curious and explore the roots of your religious exploration, rather than to think of it as an education, bring your questions. Your faith, just like freedom, comes from a long line of dissenters who debated and rationalized their beliefs. This Fall you are invited to do some art and connect one with another. What is it that makes you come alive, that would like to share with us for this religious education?

We will announce the dates soon.

Con mucho gusto, Diego.

FCCH in the Community

June 7

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

June 14

Sermon: Welcome *Verano* (Diego)
Scriptures: Exodus 19:2-8a, Matthew 9:35-10:8
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker
Usher: Lisle Baker
Flowers: Dedicated from First Church
Coffee Hour: Sarah and Andrew Welch cookout.



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 UU 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 June 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.

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

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, June 6 – 10:00 AM
Arlington Street Church Pride Service
Arlington Street Church, Boston

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

Sunday, June 7 – 2:00 PM
Brookline Interfaith Pride Service
United Parish in Brookline
Rev. Diego preaching

Sunday, June 14 – 10:30 AM
Last Regular Sunday of the year and potluck

Sunday, June 14 – 3:00 PM
Film Screening: *The History of Sound*
West Newton Cinema
Panel discussion: Rev. Diego and Rabbi Toba Spitzer

BOOK CLUB

The Nutmeg's Curse by Amitav Ghosh

This spring, we gather for a thoughtful and timely book group exploring *The Nutmeg's Curse*, a powerful reflection on colonialism, climate crisis, and the stories we inherit. This group grew out of a shared desire to bring the themes of the book into our congregational conversations—especially to learn more about Dutch colonial history and its lasting global impact.

Facilitated in community by Diego, Sue, Jen, and Anthar, all are welcome to join—whether you can attend one session or the full series.

Schedule (Sundays, after coffee hour in the parish lounge)

- June 14: Chapters 8–9 while we eat a burger at the potluck.

Come for conversation, curiosity, and community as we engage this work together.

JUNE MUSIC

Date	Music	Composer
June 7	Prelude: <i>Chaconne</i>	Couperin
	Anthem: <i>Alleluia</i>	Thompson
	Hymn 353: <i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	
	Response: <i>O Be Glad, My Soul, Be Cheerful</i>	Bach
	Anthem: <i>Ave verum Corpus</i>	Mozart
	Hymn 495: <i>We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder</i>	
	Hymn 494: <i>We Would Be Building</i>	
	Choral Response: <i>Threefold Amen</i>	Traditional
	Postlude: <i>Andante</i>	Bach
	June 14	Prelude: <i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen</i>
Anthem: <i>See, the conqu'ring hero comes</i>		Handel
Hymn 10: <i>Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne</i>		
Response: <i>Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now</i>		Bach
Anthem: <i>The Gift of Love</i>		
Hymn 352: <i>Lift Up Your Hearts!</i>		
Hymn 1: <i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>		
Choral Response: <i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>		Lutkin
Postlude: <i>Etude Op. 25 No. 1</i>		Chopin