



THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF THE BACK BAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC (Brass Quintet)

Tranquillo from Heroic Music
Prelude and Fugue in F Major
Alleluia, Alleluia

Georg Phillip Telemann
Johann Sebastian Bach
William Byrd

WELCOME TO RADIO AND LIVE CONGREGATION

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Kendrick
Senior Minister, First Church, Boston

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie
Senior Minister, Arlington Street Church

HYMN God Of Our People *All sing.*

National Hymn

God of our People, Whose almighty hand
Brought forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your purpose, just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay—
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
With steadfast care be ever our defense;
Your love and faith within our hearts increase;
With bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,
And we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.

YIZKOR – MEMORIAL PRAYERS

LIGHTING THE MEMORIAL FLAME

We invite you to take this time to remember in silence those who perished.

TOLLING OF THE GREAT BELL

Old South's Great Bell is tolled once for each of the ten years since 9-11-2001.

PSALM 23 (KING JAMES VERSION) *Recited in unison.*

The Rev. Rodney Hudgen
Senior Associate Rector, Trinity Church

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in straight paths for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

MEMORIAL PRAYER

COMMENDATION *Read responsively.*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church

One Sustain the living, O God, and receive into your peace all who have died;
Many *For you are our hope and strength.*
One We commend to you, O God Most Holy,
all those who died in the disasters that struck our land and our people;
Many *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*
One Give them rest with all those we love but see no longer.
Many *Where sorrow and pain are no more,*
One May God the Almighty, grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest; and to our broken world, peace.
Many *Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM We Remember Them *

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We remember them.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We remember them.

When we are lost and are sick of heart,
We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
For they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.

MUSIC: DONALD GRANTHAM

TEXT: HEBREW UNION PRAYER BOOK; RABBI ROLAND GITTELSOHN

* *Donald Grantham, a faculty composer at the University of Texas, wrote "We Remember Them" to commemorate the victims of the Tower shootings in the Sixties. The text, from the Hebrew Union Prayer Book, itemizes the many ways we remember the dead, each one ending with the refrain "We remember them."*

TRADITIONS OF LOVE AND PEACE

THE GOLDEN RULE IN MANY TRADITIONS

- In Judaism the Talmud teaches:
What is hurtful to you, do not do to others.
This is the whole of the Torah;
all the rest is commentary. Jill Silverstein
Boston Jewish Spirit
- In Hinduism Krishna teaches:
This is the sum of duty:
Do nothing unto others
which would cause you pain if done to you. Rebecca Froom
Arlington Street Church
- In Christianity, Jesus teaches:
In everything do to others
as you would have them do to you. Devon Williams
Trinity Church
- In Buddhism, the Buddha teaches:
Hurt not others in ways that
you yourself would find hurtful. Antonio Ibañez
First Church, Boston
- In Islam, the prophet Mohammed teaches:
No one of you is a believer
until he desires for his brother
that which he desires for himself. Soleiman Mohammed
President, Islamic Council of New England
- In Taoism, the seeker is instructed:
Regard your neighbor's gain as your gain,
and your neighbor's loss as your own loss. Nancy Peabody
Emmanuel Church
- Humanist, Emma Goldman writes,
love, the defier of all laws, of all conventions;
love, the freest, the most powerful molder of human destiny Mahsa Tazdy
Community Church
- In the ancient wisdom of Shinto there is a saying:
The heart of the person before you is a mirror.
See there your own form. Keller Wegter-McNelly
Church of the Covenant
- Black Elk of the Oglala Lakota wrote:
All things are our relatives;
what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. Amanda Shu
Old South Church

WORDS OF PEACE IN SEVEN LANGUAGES

We will join together in proclaiming these words from many traditions and cultures.

Shanti	pronounced Shahn-tee (Hindi)
Shalom	shah-lohm (Hebrew)
Hasiti	hah-see-tee (Kurdish)
Salaam	sah-laam (Arabic)
Heiwa	hey-wah (Japanese)
Dohiyi	doh-hee-yee (Cherokee)
Pax	pahcks (Latin)
Mir	meer (Russian)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace. Peace be with you!
Please turn to someone you do not know
and offer them peace in any language at all!

Amanda Shu
Old South Church

CHORAL ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Give us peace)

Traditional round

FROM MEMORY TO HOPE

INTRODUCTION OF OUR SPEAKER

The Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor
Senior Minister, Old South Church

WORDS FROM A NEIGHBOR

M. Bilal Kaleem
Executive Director, The Islamic Center of Boston

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Marta Greenwood, *President, The First Church of Christ, Scientist*

One Divine Spirit, we give thanks to you that we live in a land built on foundations we may call our own, pledged to law and freedom, to equality and harmony, as our hearts overflow with gratitude for the countless blessings of our daily lives. We are your people O God,
Many *Inspire us with your hope.*

The Rev. Pamela L. Werntz, *Rector, Emmanuel Church*

One O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering — our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgment let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness. Free us from the pride of our achievement, of our power and wealth, we all too frequently become arrogant, complacent, resigned or despairing. We are your people, O God,
Many *Guide us with your grace.*

The Rev. Jason Lydon, *Minister, Community Church of Boston*

One Teach us to work for the welfare of all, to diminish the evils that beset us, and to enlarge our virtues. Bless all people with wisdom and courage to act for the common good. Open our eyes and soften our hearts so that we can reach out our hands to serve victims of prejudice and all who suffer deprivation. We are your people, O God,
Many *Energize us with your spirit.*

The Rev. Frank Desiderio, *The Paulist Center*

One Let us strive to make real the dream of a world at peace, when we shall put an end to the suffering we now inflict upon each other. Bless all people with a vision of the power of Your love. We are your people, O God,

Many *Make us instruments of your peace.*

One We are your people, O God,

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Many *Make us instruments of your peace.*

HYMN This is My Song *All sing.*

Finlandia

*During the singing of this hymn,
children ten years of age and younger (those born since September 2001) along with their families,
are invited to come forward to the clergy gathered on the St. James Avenue side of the square.*

After receiving a stone, they are invited to gather on the steps of the West Porch of Trinity Church.

This is my song, oh God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
This is my song, thou God of all the nations;
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

IN ARRANGEMENT BY RICHARD WEBSTER

After the hymn, children and all present will participate in a litany and closing blessing.

GATHERING MEMORIES, RELEASING BURDENS, CARRYING PEACE

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly
Interim Minister, Church of the Covenant

The Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell
Associate Minister, Old South Church

*After a Litany and Blessing,
the children will place their stones in a vessel to create a cairn of remembrance
before proceeding along the Boylston Street side of the square and receiving a peace crane.*

*After the children have laid their stones and received peace cranes,
all those gathered are invited to do the same.*

*In this way, we will memorialize those whose lives were lost ten years ago by laying down the burden
of violence and war, and picking up the promise of peace to be carried out into the world.*

CEREMONY OF STONES

HYMN America The Beautiful *All sing.*

Materna

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

IN ARRANGEMENT BY RICHARD WEBSTER

CHORAL BLESSING Let There Be Peace on Earth

Arr. Joel Raney

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

SY MILLER & JILL JACKSON

POSTLUDE Fanfare

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Arlington Street Church (Unitarian Universalist)
Boston Jewish Spirit (Reform Judaism)
Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal)
Church of the Covenant (United Church of Christ & Presbyterian Church USA)
Community Church of Boston (Unitarian Universalist)
Emmanuel Church in the City of Boston (Episcopal)
First Baptist Church
First Church in Boston (Unitarian Universalist)
The First Church of Christ, Scientist
The Islamic Center of Boston
The Islamic Council of New England
Old South Church in Boston (United Church of Christ)
The Paulist Center (Roman Catholic)
Trinity Church in the City of Boston (Episcopal)

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