



THE SPIRE

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My Bailiwick

As I've mentioned before, our Deacons, Co-Moderators, and I have been reading the book How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going, by Susan Beaumont. It has helped us see this interesting and challenging time in which the Church finds itself – unsure of our future, nostalgic for a past that is gone, responding to a changing understanding of religious life, spirituality, discipleship. Susan Beaumont calls this a liminal time. To help all of us look ahead with deeper hope and courage to face the changes that are already at work, we have planned for a number of small group conversations to happen over the summer months. We REALLY want each of you to participate in one of these opportunities. And we are providing several different days and times for that to be possible.

Here are the questions we'll be asking you to think about and address:

Please describe a time when you felt deeply spiritually grounded.

What are you yearning for spiritually?

How might a faith community help in fulfilling your yearning?

For you – why church? What do you receive from a faith community?

How do you go about discerning the will of God?

Here are the first of these opportunities. Please commit to one of these.

Sunday, July 11, immediately following worship

Tuesday, July 13, 10 AM – in person in Fellowship Hall at church

Thursday, July 15 – 7 PM via Zoom

Sunday, July 18, immediately following worship

Tuesday, July 20, 4 PM – in person in Fellowship Hall

Please sign up for one of these times by calling the church at (617) 244-2690, or emailing the church at office@2ndchurch.org or emailing me at carlajeanbailey@gmail.com or cbailey@2ndchurch.org

These are conversations about faith – what you believe, not what we should do. What is the source of your hope? These are listening sessions – Deacons want to understand the deepest spiritual yearnings of our people. These are not debates - no right or wrong answers – just reflections from your hearts. What are YOU thinking about the WHY of church as we discern our way through this liminal time.

~ Carla

July/August 2021

♪ Summertime and the livin' is... ♪

Outdoor Worship centered on Scripture YOU chose!

Thank you to Margaret Doris-Pierce, Sally Anderson, Martha Felch, Jeff Davis, Barbara Cancellieri, Bubba Sooho, Joy Paine, Pat Bonnet, Alex Richter, Kathy Lucey, Lissa Gilbert, Karen Levy, Mary Ann Donaldson, Barbara Joseph, Allen Wiegner

Leah Rumsey and Carla Bailey are leading informal worship each Sunday at 10am. We gather on the upper driveway of the church (Fellowship Hall if it rains). Those who have been vaccinated need not wear a mask outdoors. If we are indoors, we ask for everyone to wear a mask. Chairs will be set up, but if you would like to sit on the grass, bring a blanket! We have permission to reserve parking spaces along Highland St. for those who need assistance getting to the worship area. If you can walk up the hill (or through the building - all doors will be unlocked), please leave the Highland spaces for those who need easier mobility access. By the time you receive this Spire, we will have worshipped together on July 4th! Plan to join us for the rest of these informal services.

Please Join Us for Summer Worship!

July 11 – Deuteronomy 31:6-8

July 18 – Psalm 23 and a letter from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

July 25 – Micah 6:6-8

August 1 – Matthew 22:36-40

August 8 – Luke 17:20-21

August 15 – John 3:16

August 22 – 1 Corinthians 13

August 29 – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

September 5 – Philippians 4:6-9

Summer Updates

Clearway School, which has been at Second Church since 1975, will be moving to its new location late this summer. We are meeting with several brokers, hearing their counsel about securing another lessee or two, and beginning some plans for restoring the space to its pre-Clearway condition. In the meantime, we've talked to both Dorshei Tzedek and our Nursery School about their building needs and hope to incorporate their requests into the overall rental plan. If you have suggestions for either a broker or possible renters, please tell our Building Manager Frank Neal, or the Chair of the Board of Resources Jeff Davis.

We are looking forward to returning to the sanctuary for in-person worship on Sunday, September 12th, followed by a picnic lunch to celebrate being back together again. Watch for announcements about Second Church Fall plans.

And please sign up for one of the Deacons' listening sessions about our spiritual lives at Second Church. Where else do we get to talk about our deepest yearnings and faith hopes?



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Repairing/Restoring Sanctuary Windows

Some months ago, a stained-glass window artist evaluated the health of our sanctuary windows. He discovered that three of the windows are showing signs of bowing. Although they aren't in crisis mode yet, he strongly recommended we get them repaired before a crisis happens! Frank Neal and the Board of Resources sought bids from several stained-glass specialists. With approval from the Church Council, they awarded the contract to Willet Hauser in Minnesota, for a total cost of \$77,000. On August 9th, workers from Willet Hauser will come to Second Church, remove and pack the 3 windows in need of repair, replace them with bronze-tinted acrylic panes, and truck the windows off to Minneapolis. Though we don't know exactly how long the project will take, Willet Hauser suggests 8 months. Let's hope they'll be back for Easter!

The Capital Budget approved by the congregation at the last annual meeting included the repair of one window for \$30,000. We learned from Willet Hauser that if we did all three windows at the same time, we would realize a significant savings - \$77,000 for all three instead of \$30,000 per window if we did one at a time. It was this savings that prompted the Board of Resources and Church Council to go ahead with the project.

Although we are prepared to pay for this project from our investments, we would like to offer you an opportunity to contribute as well.

Just be sure to write "sanctuary windows" on your check. Thank you!

Upper left – Fuller Memorial Window, given by Elizabeth "Kibbie" Kilburn in memory of her great grandfather J. Franklin Fuller. Located in the North Transept.

Lower left – Peace Window, given by members of the parish. Located in the South Transept.

Right – Pastoral Ministry Window – given by Richard B. Cole, Horace W. Cole, and John M. Cole, sons of Herbert M. Cole and Dorothy E. Cole. Located in the Nave – north aisle.

