

KING'S CHAPEL

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First Unitarian Church, Kolozsvár



King's Chapel, Boston

Pentecost
Partner Church Centenary
Transylvanian Communion Service

Sunday, the Fifth of June
Two Thousand Twenty Two

Today is Pentecost and Partner Church Sunday at King's Chapel. It is also a centenary celebration of the sister-church relationship between King's Chapel and the Downtown Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár.

Our congregation is gathering in its sanctuary for worship in person – vaccinated, masked, and fewer in number due to pandemic constraints. The service is being streamed virtually for those not present and can be viewed afterward on King's Chapel's YouTube page.

This worship service incorporates liturgical elements of the Hungarian Unitarian Church. Additionally, the Lord's Supper is being celebrated in the Transylvanian tradition. Supplementing the order of service are commentaries on the elements of the service, messages from Unitarian Universalist leaders, a proclamation from the Wardens and Vestry of King's Chapel, a chronology of our partnership from 1920 to 2020, and a synopsis of Transylvanian Unitarian roots in the sixteenth century.

We dedicate this service to church partnerships as guiding examples of Unitarian spirituality and global harmony.

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

A Centennial Celebration of Partnership of King's Chapel
with the Downtown Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár
Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022, 11 a.m.

Preludes

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott | Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785)

Whit | Hilary Tann (born 1947)

Által mennék | Bálint Karosi (born 1979)

This is My Song | Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Bells of Downtown Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joy Fallon

Blessed be our Lord, one God, who guides us to this sacred house. Come sisters and brothers, dedicate this day to holy service: working for six days to care for life and on the seventh day to rest in the holy. Let us designate this day for growth and praise. *Amen.*

*Processional Hymn (pp. 4-5)

Rank by Rank Again We Stand

Invocation and Candle Lighting

A Living Portrait: Ferenc Dávid

David Waters

Hymn (p. 6)

Find a Stillness (first stanza)

Prayer

Prayers for Pentecost Sunday

Silent Meditation

Lord's Prayer

Hymn (p. 6)

Find a Stillness (second stanza)

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13

Stephen Courtney

*Hymn (pp. 7-8)

Light of Ages and of Nations

Sermon: *The Church That Tells Us Who We Are*

Denton Crews

Motet

Székegy Áldás | Elizabeth Norton (born 1959)

Lord's Supper: Transylvanian Tradition

The Rev. Joy Fallon and David Waters

Agenda (Homily)

Communal Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion

Anthem

Esti dal | Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

Proclamation and Presentation

Kathe German and Carol Kemp

Collection

Psalm 114 | Zoltán Kodály

*Hymn (p. 9)

Spirit of Life

Benediction

Postludes and Distribution of Flowers

Toccata on Által mennék | Bálint Karosi

Bells of King's Chapel, Boston

HYMN

Rank by Rank Again We Stand

$\text{♩} = 104$

The musical score is written for a hymn in 4/4 time with a tempo of 104 beats per minute. It features a vocal melody in the upper staff and piano accompaniment in the lower staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains three verses. The second and third systems each contain a single line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both the right and left hands.

1. Rank by rank a - gain we stand,
2. Ours the years' me - mo - rial store,
3. Though the path be hard and long,

from the four winds gath - ered hith - er. Loud the hal - lowed
hon - ored days and names we reck - on, days of com - rades
still we strive in ex - pec - ta - tion; join we now their

walls de - mand whence we come and how, and whith - er.
gone be - fore, lives that speak and deeds that beck - on.
age - less song one with them in as - pi - ra - tion.

From their still - ness break - ing clear,
 From the dream - ing of the night
 One in name, in hon - or one,

ech - oes wake to warn or cheer; high - er truth from
 to the la - bors of the day, shines their ev - er -
 guard we well the crown they won; what they dreamed be

saint and seer call to us as - sem - bled here.
 last - ing light, guid - ing us up - on our way.
 ours to do, hope their hopes, and seal them true.

HYMN

Find a Stillness

$\text{♩} = 52$

1. Find a still-ness, hold a still-ness, let the still-ness car-ry me.
2. Seek the es-sence, hold the es-sence, let the es-sence car-ry me.

Find the si-lence, hold the si-lence, let the si-lence car-ry me.
Let me flow-er, help me flow-er, watch me flow-er, car-ry me.

In the spir-it, by the spir-it, with the spir-it giv-ing pow-er,
In the spir-it, by the spir-it, with the spir-it giv-ing pow-er,

I will find true har - mo - ny.
I will find true har - mo - ny.

HYMN

Light of Ages and of Nations

$\text{♩} = 56$

1. Light of a - ges and of na - tions, ev - ery race and
 2. Rea - son's no - ble as - pi - ra - tion truth in grow - ing
 3. Lo, that word a - bid - eth ev - er; rev - e - la - tion

ev - ery time has re - ceived thine in - spi - ra - tions,
 clear - ness saw; con - science spoke its con - dem - na - tion,
 is not sealed; an - swer - ing now to our en - deav - or,

glimps - es of thy truth sub - lime. Al - ways spir - its
 or pro - claimed e - tér - nal law. While thine in - ward
 truth and right are still re - vealed. That which came to

in rapt vi - sion passed the heav - en - ly
 rev - e - la - tions told thy saints their
 an - cient sag - es, Greek, Bar - bar - ian,

veil with - in, al - ways hearts bowed
 prayers were heard, proph - ets to the
 Ro - man, Jew, writ - ten in the

in con - tri - tion found sal - va - tion from their sin.
 guilt - y na - tions spoke thine ev - er - last - ing word.
 soul's deep pag - es, shines to - day, for - ev - er new.

HYMN

Spirit of Life

$\text{♩} = 56$ *Unison*

Spir - it of Life, come un-to me, Sing in my

heart all the stir-rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the

wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing

life the shape of jus-tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me

free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE AT KING'S CHAPEL

The Sunday worship service of June 5, 2022, is dedicated to the centennial of the partner church relationship between Downtown Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár and King's Chapel of Boston. The order of service incorporates liturgical elements of the Hungarian Unitarian Church.

King's Chapel Sanctuary

The embroidery in the sanctuary reflects the decorations in Transylvanian churches. Carnations are ubiquitous flowers in homes and churches. The handmade cloth on the communion table is historic and was given to King's Chapel by its sister church in 1922.

Preludes and Bells

The melody for "This is My Song" comes from a symphonic tone poem by Jean Sibelius called Finlandia and symbolizes the struggles and hopes of the Finnish people. The text was composed by Lloyd Stone during the brief time of peace between two world wars.

*This is my song, O 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.*

The bells of the Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár are heard in recording. Bells are rung in churches throughout Transylvania, calling people to worship and to assemble on special occasions. The candles on the communion table, lighted by the children of our church school, commemorate the two partner churches whose light comes from the life of Christ. The candelabras on either side of the communion table evoke the "tongues of flame" descending upon the disciples at Pentecost.

Hymns

Three hymns in the service are often heard in American Unitarian churches: *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*, *Light of Ages and of Nations*, and *Spirit of Life*. One hymn is heard regularly in Transylvanian churches: *Find a Stillness*.

Prayers

Prayers in the service are from the King's Chapel Prayer Book, as composed for Pentecost Sunday. Silent prayer and the Lord's Prayer are traditional in Transylvanian churches.

Scripture Reading

The reading from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles portrays the events of the seventh Sunday after Easter, considered the birthday of the church and the proclamation of Christianity to the world. Pentecost, from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (*Pentēkostē*) meaning "fiftieth," takes its name from this seventh Sunday—the fiftieth day after Easter.

Sermon

The sermon tells the story of how two congregations became sister churches in 2021: the oldest Unitarian church in the world and the oldest Unitarian church in the United States. The Biblical text is from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, verses 13-15:

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... So let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The sermon text is available on the web site of King's Chapel: www.kings-chapel.org.

Motet

The motet for Partner Church Sunday is *Székeley Áldás*, composed by Elizabeth Norton and based upon the house blessing found in Transylvanian homes, the *Házi Áldas*:

*Where there is faith, there is love;
Where there is love, there is peace;
Where there is peace, there is blessing;
Where there is blessing, there is God.
Where there is God, there is no need.*

Lord's Supper

For Transylvanian Unitarians, the Lord's Supper is understood as communion with the intuited divine. It is also an act of remembrance and is considered a sacred moment. The Lord's Supper occurs four times each year and is the most popular service. It begins with a homily, called the Agenda (meaning action, remembrance, effect), and a prayer following by the words of institution. The minister looks directly into the eyes of each person as the bread and wine are administered. On Partner Church Sunday, communion is celebrated in the Transylvanian tradition.

Anthem

The anthem for Partner Church Sunday is *Esti Dal*, composed by Zoltán Kodály for evensong. In its quiet contemplation and evocation of living in a foreign land, it is a fitting accompaniment to our celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Transylvanian manner.

*Evening darkness overtook me near the woods;
I have put my coat under my head (as a pillow),
I have put my hands together
To pray to the Lord, like this:
Oh, my Lord, give me a place to sleep,
I am weary with wandering,
With walking around and hiding,
With living on foreign land.
May Lord give me a good night,
May he send me a holy angel,
May he encourage our hearts' dreams,
May he give us a good night.*

Proclamation

The proclamation is a message from the Wardens and Vestry of King's Chapel to be sent to the ministers, lay leaders, and members of the Downtown Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár. It is the formal dedication of the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022, to the partner church centenary as the guiding example of Unitarian spirituality and global harmony. The proclamation is composed in the style of past proclamations by the Wardens and Vestry. The proclamation has been inscribed with calligraphy letters by Tim Nelson-Hoy, member of King's Chapel.

Collection

The plate contributions on June 5, 2022, will be given for the relief of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine and crossing into Transylvania. The collection will be sent to the Providence Charity Organization (Gondviselés Segélyszervezet) which is the agent of the Hungarian Unitarian Church for helping refugees.

Offertory

The offertory for our collection is *Psalm 114*, by Zoltán Kodály, evoking Israel's exodus from Egypt.

*When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.
The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.
What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?
Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;
Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.*

Benediction and Bells of King's Chapel

And now may the voices of the bells follow us in benediction: the bells of Kolozsvár ringing peace to the entering and the bells of King's Chapel ringing blessings to the departing. Amen.



Ferenc Dávid at the Diet of Torda, 1568

TO THE MINISTERS, LAY LEADERS, AND
MEMBERS OF THE DOWNTOWN
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF KOLOZSVÁR

WHEREAS our Unitarian faith in the United States and Great Britain grew from roots in the Transylvania tradition, **AND**

WHEREAS King's Chapel in Boston and the Downtown Unitarian Church in Cluj-Napoca (Kolozsvár) enjoy a common heritage of Unitarian thought and worship, **AND**

WHEREAS for five years from 1922 to 1927 King's Chapel and the Downtown Unitarian Church in Cluj-Napoca were declared as "sister churches," **AND**

WHEREAS the Ministers and parishioners of both churches have repeatedly exchanged correspondence, gifts, and visits for over one hundred years, **AND**

WHEREAS the Minister of King's Chapel, the Rev. Carl Scovel, visited the churches of Romania in 1978 and established friendly relations with the clergy and parishioners of the Downtown Unitarian Church, **AND**

WHEREAS the Wardens and Vestry voted to renew the relationship with the Downtown Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár on January 3, 1980, and re-affirmed the relationship on March 1, 1990,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wardens and Vestry of King's Chapel to commemorate the oldest continuing Unitarian church partnership in the world & to dedicate the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022, to the partner church centenary as the guiding example of Unitarian spirituality and the hope of the future.

Voted Unanimously This 16th Day of May 2022
The Wardens, Vestry and Ministers of King's Chapel, Boston

CENTENNIAL MESSAGES

Messages from Unitarian Universalist leaders in the United States and Transylvania have been written for the occasion of King's Chapel's celebration of its century-long sister-church partnership and ancestral bond with the Downtown Church in Kolozsvár. The messages are excerpted here, and the complete letters are available on the King's Chapel web site.

Rev. István Kovács, Bishop of the Hungarian Unitarian Church



On behalf of the Hungarian Unitarian Church, I am sending my congratulations to members of King's Chapel on the occasion of celebrating 100 years of partnership with the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár. In the course of our history, filled with persecutions and struggle to survive, your discovering us in the 1920's was a great blessing for our churches at both sides of the Atlantic. We rejoiced that we were not alone as Transylvanian Unitarians and that you and we had much in common historically and theologically. Through your encouragement and support, the course of our Unitarian history took a new turn toward confidence and optimism. As we celebrate the centennial, we ask for God's blessing upon our friendship. May it deepen and nurture us all through a new century.

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

On behalf of everyone at the Unitarian Universalist Association and the over 1,000 member congregations in covenant with you, I am delighted to celebrate the 100 years of partnership you have shared with the First Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár. Thank you to King's Chapel and the First Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár for creating and nurturing this connection, creating spaces for cultural exchange and storytelling, and tending to this relationship throughout the decades. The world needs the values that this partnership embodies - values of inclusion and care; a strong, bold commitment to justice; and a devotion to the whole global community of which we are a part. This relationship has enriched all of us and forged stronger bonds between you, bonds that are a testament to the values and commitments that Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists everywhere share.



Rev. William F. Schulz, UUA President, 1985-93



In the fall of 1989, when I was President of the UUA, I arranged for a member of the US Congress and a member of the Canadian Parliament to accompany me on a journey to Bucharest and Transylvania. That visit was the first opportunity the new Romanian government's officials would have to meet with Western legislators and our delegation secured commitments from the government to increase religious freedom for all denominations in the country. But it was also the occasion, building upon the work of former UUA President Louis Cornish, Zizi Gellérd and, indeed, King's Chapel, to formally re-launch what would subsequently become known as the modern Partner Church Program. But you were there first! And you deserve high credit for your vision and your perseverance. Thank you!

Emőd Farkas, Lay President, Hungarian Unitarian Church

As a university student and young man from a Unitarian family myself, I became involved in the program primarily as an interpreter. There are some important characteristics of a well-functioning partnership: ministerial and lay support; committed individuals; joint effort and participation; and open communication. For 100 years these were true for the Kolozsvár-King's Chapel relationship, with varying intensity, but always thriving. Thanks to all who have been involved in this partnership over the years, decades, century. May God grant that there will always be new, committed, open Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists, ready for action and to get in touch with familiar principles embedded in new cultures and ways of life, who are able to rekindle the flame again and again, should it flicker!



Dr. Judit (Zizi) Gellérd, Founder, Partner Church Program



King's Chapel and Kolozsvár's sister church relationship is a jewel of Unitarian history. This is the only connection of two congregations with a century-long continuity. What is the secret of its survival through many tribulations? Simply put: suffering met compassion halfway, and the blessing was twofold. You at King's Chapel eased the burden of deprivation for the Transylvanians, while Kolozsvár inspired Americans' spirit to hold onto a shared faith. You became the banyan tree of Unitarianism, stretching its branches and dropping new roots between the continents. When in 1989 I organized the "Save Transylvanian Unitarianism!" movement, which soon grew into the Partner Church Program, I stood on the foundation that King's Chapel and Kolozsvár represented. Thus, I can view my role as a "re-founder" of the program. It would be enough of a privilege. Yet being a member of King's Chapel and an ordained minister of Transylvania exceeds that. The centennial jubilee is your testament of Unitarian fidelity and generosity.



Unitarian Universalist Association



Hungarian Unitarian Church

KING'S CHAPEL AND FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF KOLOZSVÁR

One hundred years ago, a unique and historic partnership was created between King's Chapel, the first Unitarian congregation in America, and Downtown Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár, the first Unitarian congregation in the world. That relationship has endured and strengthened as highlighted below and further documented in the annals and archives of King's Chapel and the archives of the Protestant Theological Institute in Kolozsvár.

1920 | The Treaty of Trianon after the end of World War I in 1918 dismembered Hungary and gave Transylvania to Romania. An immediate appeal by the Reverends Louis C. Cornish and Samuel A. Eliot called upon American Unitarians to provide assistance to the beleaguered Unitarian churches of Transylvania. A service was conducted in King's Chapel for distressed Transylvanians and Dr. Sydney Bruce Snow, Associate Minister, was commissioned to travel to Transylvania taking with him \$50,000 given by American Unitarians (\$1,238.68 from King's Chapel). Upon returning, he documented the atrocities his commission had witnessed.

1921 | Dr. Gabriel Csiki, Minister of the Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár, visited the United States and proposed an adoption plan whereby American and Transylvanian churches would become sister churches for three years providing material help and moral encouragement.

1922 | In the summer of 1922, Rev. Louis C. Cornish led a commission under the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities in Europe whose members also included Dr. Harold E.B. Speight, Minister of King's Chapel, Rev. Palfrey Perkins, and Rev. Laurence Redfern, to visit Transylvania. The commission issued an extensive report of destruction and poverty. Sister-church pairings were established between Transylvanian and U.S. churches, the first being King's Chapel and the church at Kolozsvár. King's Chapel contributed \$500 annually for five years. The church in Kolozsvár presented to King's Chapel an ancient and beautiful embroidered silk altar cloth. Dr. Speight was given the title of Honorary Minister. And after November 1922, the King's Chapel Weekly Calendar printed the name of the Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár as a "sister church."

1929 | The sister-church relationship, robust in the early years and engaging 112 partnerships, suffered the disruption of a world-wide depression in 1929, followed by World War II in 1939 and Soviet occupation in 1947, but survived to flower again in the latter decades of the 20th century.

1978 | Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel, minister of King's Chapel, after extensive planning visited Transylvania during the communist era, renewing the sister church relationship with the Downtown Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár. Communications resumed and would soon include visits by King's Chapel lay members.

1989 | Dr. Judit (Zizi) Gellérd, organized a movement in the United States, "Save Transylvanian Unitarianism," which soon grew into the Partner Church Program.

1990 | The President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, Rev. Dr. William Schulz, visited Transylvania after the fall of the dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, in Romania. Bishop Lajos Kovács requested the re-initiation of the sister church relationships. Church partnerships were restored, and new ones were initiated.

1993 | The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council was officially established at the UU General Assembly in June.

1997 | A delegation of King's Chapel members, led by Carl Scovel, visited the Kolozsvár church and its new minister, the Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi, who later became Bishop of the entire

Transylvanian Unitarian Church. The delegation included Peter and Vicky Coccoluto, who made five additional trips and developed close friendships in Transylvania.

1998 | Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi and his wife visited Boston; he preached at King's Chapel.

2006 | Visitors from King's Chapel, including Rev. Earl Holt and Senior Warden Denton Crews, attended the "thanksgiving" celebration of the Downtown Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár where Rev. Dr. Holt delivered the sermon.

2007 | King's Chapel's Partner Church Committee was organized by the Senior Warden and began raising funds for a building project, which later were designated for rebuilding the church organ. King's Chapel also became active in the UU Partner Church Council.

2008 | Sixteen King's Chapel members, led by Peter Sexton, participated in a Habitat for Humanity building project in Kolozsvár and visited the partner church, its minister, and members.

2010 | Planning and attendant fundraising commenced to bring about ministerial exchange visits between King's Chapel and Kolozsvár at some date in the future.

2011 | A second King's Chapel-led Habitat building team visited Kolozsvár, again with participation in meetings and other events in connection with the partnership.

2011 – 2014 | In addition to Partner Church Sundays at King's Chapel celebrating communion in the Transylvanian tradition, the dialogue continued with the new Minister of the Kolozsvár congregation, Rev. Norbert Rácz, and a visit to Boston by Emöd Farkas, who would later become Lay President of the Hungarian Unitarian Church Synod.

2015 | The funds raised in 2007 were transmitted to the church in Kolozsvár for the restoration of their organ, a project completed in June 2015.

2016 | King's Chapel and First Church Boston invited the Reverends Norbert Rácz, Mária Rácz, and Csaba Mezei to deliver the Minns Lectures which took place in November, occasioning a ten-day visit and events involving the King's Chapel Partner Church Committee.

2018 | Plans were announced and implemented by the Hungarian Unitarian Church for the 450th anniversary of the *Edict of Torda* with events throughout the year including the opening of the Center for Religious Freedom in Kolozsvár.

2019 | Rev. Norbert Rácz, of First Unitarian Congregation of Kolozsvár, and Rev. Joy Fallon, of King's Chapel, began collaborative teleconferences on celebrating the anniversary of the partnership between the congregations. These plans contemplated visits to Kolozsvár in 2021 and to Boston in 2022.

2020 | Three Zoom meetings were held on Sunday afternoons between the congregations in Kolozsvár and Boston, involving ministers and parishioners from both churches. It was expected that the Zoom meetings would be the mode of sustained communications and engagement.

2020 | In March, the sudden crisis of the coronavirus pandemic brought the Zoom conferences to a close and halted the centennial planning process. Planning commenced in 2021 for a scaled-down centennial in 2022

TRANSYLVANIAN UNITARIAN ROOTS

In 1517, during a period of tumultuous events, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses opposing the excesses and corruptions of the dominant Roman Catholic Church and leading to the Reformation which produced new protestant faiths – Lutherans, Calvinists, and Anabaptists. But there were other theologians who went further than the Wittenberg reformer, resulting in what George Hunston Williams called the Radical Reformation. Among these reformers were the anti-Trinitarians who spawned the Unitarian movement in Poland and Transylvania. They were variously called Arians, Socinians, and Polish Brethren, but not Unitarians until 1600 in Transylvania, a semi-independent principality under the protection of the Sultan of Turkey. Today's Unitarians owe credit to three heretics of the 16th century.

1531 – Michael Servetus, a respected physician with credentials as a theologian who fled the inquisition in Spain, published *On the Errors of the Trinity* in 1531 which became the treatise for anti-Trinitarian thinkers and advanced the notions of the oneness of God and religious tolerance. In 1553, Servetus was burned at the stake by the Protestant-Calvinists in Geneva with his theological opus, *The Restitution of Christianity*, tied to his thigh. Some years later, he was burned in effigy by the Roman Catholics for his views. He was the most famous of the anti-Trinitarians of the sixteenth century.

1539 – Faustus Socinus was born in Siena (Tuscany), Italy, where he came under the influence of the writings of his uncle, Laelius Socinus on individual freedom in religious matters and professions of faith. He left home and went to the centers of religious reformers, including Zurich and Basel, where he studied and wrote several major treatises, the most important being *On Jesus Christ the Savior*. He then went to the Polish city of Kraków which protected dissidents and accepted the toleration of faith including a community of Italian refugees. He became the main leader of the Polish Brethren, the Socinian Church, advancing anti-Trinitarianism and laying the groundwork for the Unitarian beliefs of reason and freedom of conscience. He also traveled to Kolozsvár, where he met Francis David. Socinus was a prolific theoretician and writer of treatises including major contributions to the Racovian community's catechism which defined Unitarian theology. Unfortunately, toleration in Poland deteriorated and Socinus drew Catholic opposition, his property was confiscated, his books and papers were burned, he was dragged half-clothed to city hall and condemned as a heretic, but he was rescued by a sympathetic university professor. Socinus is the equivalent of a martyr for religious freedom.

1568 – Dávid Ferenc (Francis David), a prominent Catholic who was greatly influenced by Erasmus and Servetus, studied at Wittenberg and became a preacher of the reformation in Kolozsvár, the cultural and religious center of Transylvania. In 1568, after many debates promulgating a biblical and humanistic view in radical conflict with reformation leaders, he convinced King John Sigismund in Torda to issue the Edict of Toleration proclaiming freedom of religion and conscience, a decision unparalleled in Europe and laying the foundation for Unitarianism in Transylvania. David returned to Kolozsvár where he is said to have stood on a large rock and preached to thousands, many of whom were persuaded to become followers. After the King's death, however, tolerance was short-lived, and Francis David was condemned by his fellow clergy as a heretic and imprisoned in a mountaintop fortress where he died.

In the 17th century, Transylvania fell under the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Unitarians were persecuted but kept their faith alive in small towns and mountain communities. It would be two hundred years later, in 1848 after the revolution with the Hungarians, that Unitarianism would become legal again in Transylvania. By this time, there were Unitarian movements in England and America, both countries with histories of religious intolerance. In England, John Biddle had laid the foundation in the 17th century. And Joseph Priestly, the scientist known for the discovery of oxygen,

advanced the movement both in England and in America, helping to establish the first Unitarian Church in Philadelphia in the 1790s. King's Chapel, of course, had already become the first Unitarian Church under its minister, James Freeman, a Socinian. Subsequently, other thinkers shaped Unitarian beliefs and practices: William Ellery Channing, Theodore Parker, and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

In the early 1800s, English and Transylvanian Unitarians discovered one another. And in the mid-1800s, American and Transylvania Unitarians did the same. Today, there are 60,000 Unitarians and 60 churches in Transylvania.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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KING'S CHAPEL COVENANT

In the love of truth, and in the spirit of Jesus Christ,
we unite for the worship of God and the service of all.



Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here,
Believer or doubter, seeker or skeptic,
we are all on this journey together



Use this QR code to find information on how to give to King's Chapel

Check Your Health

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or have knowingly been exposed to someone with COVID, we kindly ask that you stay home and enjoy one of our virtual worship options.

Masks

Masks are required for all persons at all times attending. Extra masks are available.

Accessibility Assists

Our beautiful Georgian sanctuary was designed by Peter Harrison and completed in 1754. One of the box pews has been made wheelchair accessible. Ushers are available to assist those who are wheelchair users to that pew. There is also an accessible bathroom in the vestry. A sound system has been installed in the sanctuary of the Chapel to amplify the sound during worship services. Hearing assistance devices are available for your use. Please see an usher for assistance.

Prayers

In Morning Prayer on Sundays, we offer prayers to God for those who are in special need in any way. If you wish to add any names to our public Bede List, or remove any at this time, please speak with our Ministers, or leave a message with our Parish Administrator (617-227-2155 x 108). If you wish to receive confidential daily prayers from our prayer group, contact the Ministers or e-mail prayerrequest@kings-chapel.org.