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*Grounded in God
Growing in Community
Acting in Love*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

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Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 18, 2017

A Service of Public Remembrance

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Freedom

Lizz Wright

*HYMN *Woke up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom*
Woke up this morning with my mind
(and it was) stayed on Freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind
(and it was) stayed on Freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind
(and it was) stayed on Freedom.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Singing and praying with my mind....

Living and loving with my mind....

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Taj Smith

L: Come, beloved of God,
 Gather in this place where justice and freedom meet!

C: **Come, you who are broken-hearted and you who are bold:**
 Gather in this place of courage, forgiveness and grace.

L: Here love is poured out in abundance,
 here tears and hope are mingled together.

C: **Here God's people find healing in the work of liberation,**
 and strength in stories of justice.

L: Come, let us set our minds on freedom,
 as we turn our hearts to God in worship.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSING

ANTHEM

I Remember, I Believe

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us ask for healing, pardon and peace:
C: **Holy One, in the light of your risen glory
we see the harm we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.
Heal us, we pray.
Wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow in your way
and tell the good news of the gospel.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 436 *I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong: Just a Closer Walk with Thee)*
(Verses 1 and 2 with refrains)

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING Isaiah 61:1-4

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Higginbotham

All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom Angela Johnson

REFLECTION

Karin Case

REMEMBERING

From 1638-1830 more than one hundred persons of color are recorded in the records of First Church in Cambridge. They were baptized, married and buried here; some joined as full or partial members. Thirty-nine, baptized before slavery was ruled unconstitutional in Massachusetts (1783), were enslaved by members of First Church. As we read their names now, we remember and honor them. We name aloud the painful history of this congregation, deeply entwined with the practices of enslavement. We remember, we mourn, we repent, and we look to God for forgiveness, grace and hope.

The Reading of Names of Enslaved Persons

Laurie Williams and
David Kidder

- 1698 Phillip, African man enslaved in service to Mr. Danforth
- 1705 Mingo and Charles, African men enslaved in service to Mr. Town
- 1705 Jeffery, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Goff
- 1705 Scipio, an African man enslaved in service to William Brattle, fifth minister of First Church
- 1727 Joseph English, man of the Wampanoag Nation, enslaved in service to William Russell
- 1728 Pompey, an African man enslaved in service to Nathaniel Appleton, sixth minister of First Church
- 1729 Rosa, an African woman enslaved in service to A. Bordman
- 1729 Titus, a man of the Wampanoag Nation, enslaved in service to Benjamin Wadsworth, President of Harvard College
- 1735 Margaret, an African woman enslaved in service to the widow Oliver
- 1736 Hannibal, an African man enslaved in service to Dr. Wigglesworth
- 1739 Roger, an African man enslaved in service to Henry Prentice
- 1739 Zillah, an African woman enslaved in service to Major Brattle
- 1740 Lucy, a woman of the Wampanoag Nation Mr. Bordman
- 1740 Venus, an African woman enslaved in service to Madam Wadsworth
- 1740 Cuffy, an African man enslaved in service to Lieutenant Governor Phipps
- 1740 Toby, an African man enslaved in service to Samuel Whitmore
- 1741 Jack, an African man enslaved in service to the widow Tufts

- 1741 Cuffy, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Judah Monis
1741 Flora, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Foxcroft
1741 York, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Trowbridge
1741 Hannibal, an African man enslaved in service to Dr. Wigglesworth
1741 Roger, an African man enslaved in service to Henry Prentice
1741 Rose, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Bordma
1744 Harry, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Brandon
1745 Rose, an African woman enslaved in service to Lieutenant
Governor Phipps
1745 Cato, an African man enslaved in service to Madam Brown
1749 Leos, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Foxcroft
1753 Jane, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Kent
1755 James, an African man enslaved in service to Lieutenant Governor Phipps
1760 Peter, an African man enslaved in service to Moses Bordman's widow
1761 Cato, an African man enslaved in service to Jonathan Hastings
1768 Jane, an African woman enslaved in service to Elizabeth Nutting
1768 Violet, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Faneuil
1769 Philip, an African man enslaved in service to Elizabeth Nutting
1769 Philip, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Abraham Watson
1771 Jerica, an African woman enslaved in service to Lieutenant
John Dickson
1771 Anne, an African woman enslaved in service to Jonathan Hastings, Esq.
1776 Dilla, an African woman enslaved in service to Samuel White of
Watertown.

REPENTANCE AND COMMITMENT

LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND COMMITMENT

- L: God of justice and mercy, today we remember our brothers and sisters who were brought here by force, living out their lives as servants enslaved to white families of First Church.

C: Forgive us that it has taken us so long to remember. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge these siblings as part of the communion of First Church saints.

L: As a gathered community of Christians, over the centuries, we have been complicit in the sin of slavery and bystanders during the abolitionist movement. We have looked the other way during decades of Jim Crow violence and segregation, and we have been blind to the violence that continues in the form of mass incarceration.

C: Forgive us for all the times we have been silent in the face of injustice and inhumanity. Forgive us for not finding the courage to speak and act in the name of Love.

L: Our hearts are heavy, O God; weighed down with grief and mourning over our collective history of pain. As we name the history of enslavement that is intertwined with the foundations of this church, help us lay down our anger fear, hatred or guilt, or any burdens that are not ours to carry.

C: And help us to pick up the work of justice, repentance, and repair that are needed in our generation now.

L: Help us, Holy One, to live into the vision of your Beloved Community, a realm of justice, mercy, and freedom for all your children. Give us clear vision and make us courageous in the name of Love.

C: May we bring good news to the oppressed; comfort those who mourn; build up the ancient ruins, and repair the devastations of many generations. We pray all this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

POETRY

Jean-Dany Joachim

*HYMN 401

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
(Verses 1, 2, and 5)*

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)

All: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Freedom Is Coming

South African

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,
Praise God, the Word who came to earth,
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 481

Lift Every Voice and Sing

This hymn, a setting of a poem of James Weldon Johnson, has been called "the Black American National Anthem" for its power in voicing the cry for liberation and affirmation for African-American people. In that spirit, we lift our voices now.

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

*I Wish I Knew How it Would
Feel to Be Free*

Instrumental

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching

Karin Case, Minister

Liturgist

Taj Smith, First Church Member

Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Minister

Jean-Dany Joachim, Poet-in-Residence

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative
Worship & Arts

Laurie Williams, First Church Member

David Kidder, First Church Member

Musicians

The Willie Sordillo Quartet

Josh Rosen, piano

Tony Vaughn, bass

Zoë Krohne, voice

Willie Sordillo, alto saxophone

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- With gratitude for all fathers on this Fathers Day. May God also bless everyone who has been like a father to us in our lives.
- For architects and engineers, tree experts and designers, for stone masons, contractors and sub-contractors, and with gratitude for every mind, heart, hand and muscle that will be part of our building project, which is now underway!
- For First Church in Somerville as they welcome their new minister, Da Vita McCallister, and for Rev. Henry Schoenfield, whose interim ministry there concluded last Sunday.
- For all those affected by recent deadly attacks in Tehran, Iran; Manchester, London; and Kabul, Afghanistan; and by the tragic fire in London this week.
- For all who have fled their home countries as a result of war and terrorism, and for clarity in responding to immigration crises around the world.
- For neighbors facing extreme famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, and Nigeria.
- For all political leaders, including our current administration, that they may know God's spirit of wisdom and justice in these troubling times.
- For ourselves, that we may open our hearts and minds to all those we disagree with or don't understand, and find the grace to listen, connect, and join together in our common humanity.

Portions of the YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED section of the bulletin are omitted in the online version to protect the privacy of those mentioned. To find out who we are praying for this week, please contact the church offices at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or by calling 617-547-2724.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

JUNETEENTH MORNING WORSHIP, with guest musicians, Today Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Today's Worship will lift up the themes of freedom and liberation, with a special focus on "Juneteenth," commemorating the abolition of slavery. The service will feature poetry, readings, and special music by the Willie Sordillo quartet, with musicians Josh Rosen, piano; Tony Vaughn, bass; Zoë Krohne, voice and Willie Sordillo, alto saxophone. We will also include a public reading of names and a commemoration of all the enslaved persons associated with First Church over the years. To read about this history go to: <http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/> and click on Latest News.

NIGHT SONG, SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Spend some time at the end of the day nourishing your soul at Night Song. Vox Equalis (treble voices) and Daryl Bichel offer ancient and contemporary chant and improvisation by candlelight, providing space for contemplation and prayer.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION COFFEE HOUR HELP Help First Church keep Coffee Hour going through summer construction! While the new kitchen is underway, we are unable to make coffee at church. Please sign up to bring two or three Boxes o' Joe from your local Dunkin' Donuts (or other favorite coffee shops) for after-worship consumption. Cream and sugar will be provided, along with lemonade, ice water, and cookies. Choose a Sunday that works for you. You can bring the boxes to the Tower Room when you arrive for worship. Remember that worship is at 11 am in June, but switches to 10 am for July and August. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0F4AA5AD2CAA8-summer

Many thanks for your help in keeping up our hospitality during our building transition!

A MESSAGE ABOUT KARIN CASE'S SUMMER SCHEDULE Karin will be away during the summer months of July and August, and will return to First Church after Labor Day, in time for our 2017-18 program year. This summer, Karin is looking forward to participating in the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) trip to Israel and to some vacation time in the South, visiting Civil Rights sites, paying homage to Southern authors, and following the Delta Blues Trail. She wishes you a wonderful summer and looks forward to seeing you in September!

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION New volunteers are welcome to join other First Church members and friends in the active sanctuary network. Trainings and opportunities to serve are happening now. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org) if you'd like to learn more.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS! JOIN US THIS SUMMER AS WE KNIT HATS FOR THE FRIDAY CAFÉ! Did you know that in winter when the weather outside is frightful, up to 200 people a week come to the Friday Café for warmth, fellowship, food, a safe place to sleep, and WARM CLOTHING? And did you know that without a hat, it's almost impossible to stay warm? We'll be knitting hats this summer, as gifts for the Friday Café. See Linda Ziebell for a pattern, or use your own. We'll have a refresher session for those of us whose skills are rusty. If you have time in your summer to knit, please let us know and join in this vital ministry. For more information or to tell us you're knitting for the Friday Café, contact Linda Ziebell at lindaziebell@comcast.net or Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com or by phone at 607-748-0853.

BETHEL TABERNACLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Weeks, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church's pastor, has asked First Church to provide volunteers for their Children's Carnival on Saturday, June 24. They would like adults, with or without their children, to help supervise games and monitor the lunch hour. The carnival is lots of fun, with a bouncy house, pony rides, lots of free food, and plenty of entertainment. Carpools will leave First Church at 8:30 AM. We will return home after 3:00 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 or flintkiddr@aol.com

SOLUTIONS AT WORK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS NOW! We need help sorting and shelving clothing donations. Based in Cambridge, Solutions at Work helps adults bridge out of homelessness by providing them with three full outfits suitable for interviews or work. Our Children's Clothing Exchange allows families to exchange outgrown children's clothing for sizes they need. As the only facility of its kind, the Children's Clothing Exchange serves families from Greater Boston. Whether you can help once or regularly, we'd like to meet you. You will be helping participants look their best, by advising them on their ensembles. Solutions at Work is located in Cambridge at 391 Evereteze Way, off Cambridge Street, in the Roosevelt Towers Public Housing Complex. For more information, contact Alice Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com or 617-276-6227, or contact Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com.

HARVARD SQUARE SUMMER SHELTER AND Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE'S SUMMER PROGRAM NEED VOLUNTEERS! These student-run homeless shelters operate between June and August, seeking community volunteers. Volunteering shifts range between 2 and 10 hours in length, and can involve cooking, tidying up the space, running laundry, and hanging out with our guests. If you would like to receive notice of available volunteer shifts, please sign up for this email list (you can unsubscribe easily at any future time). Thank you! Have any questions? Contact us: summerhshs@pbha.org | info@y2yharvardsquare.org



Capital Campaign Construction Update

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION The capital campaign renovations are scheduled to start on June 5 and continue through early October. The busiest months will be July and August, and in September the contractors will be involved mostly in finishing work.

- **Tree Removal in Preparation of Capital Campaign Renovations** Not only will the church building look quite different in October, but our outdoor space is getting quite the makeover as well. We will have a new pathway, an enclosed playground, new plantings, and more. In preparation for this work, the trees and bushes right in front of the bike rack were removed on May 30. Our longtime arborist Trumbull Barrett and his team were hired to perform this task and as usual they approached the project with care. If you have any questions, please contact Don Johnson or Kirsten Manville.
- **Newtowne School and Outside Events** Newtowne School is not holding its summer program, and the building has not been booked for any outside events. Because of this we have decided it makes sense to close the building each weekday in the late afternoon, and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August. On Sundays the building will be open its usual hours, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and we will hold both our morning worship and Night Song services.
- **Access to the Building** There will always be access to the building when it is open. Entrance and exit points may change depending upon which area of the building is being worked on, and some areas of the building may be off-limits at certain points in time. The construction will be loud and noisy, and staff are currently thinking through what we can all do to make our environments as conducive to working as possible. This may include working off-site at times.

As with most construction projects things can change unexpectedly. However, we are doing such careful planning with our contractor we hope this will happen rarely, if it all. If it does, we will communicate these changes to you in a timely manner. And please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming renovations.

for such a time as this

GOOD NEWS!

Gratefully we announce that, as of June 5, 2017, **\$1,950,802** in individual gifts and pledges have been committed to fund our capital campaign's objectives. Praise the Lord, we say, and thanks to one and all who through your generous gifts and dedicated efforts have brought First Church in Cambridge to this joyful place.

How did we do it?

- As of March 27, individual gifts and pledges total an amazing **\$1,787,117, representing 184 commitments from 257 people.** Wow! So many generous pledges of support, giving deep and wide! Still, though, we need \$1.9 million in such gifts to meet our building budget goal. Gap of \$112,883 remaining.....
- On March 27, moved by the generosity of the congregation, a community member steps forward to help and challenge us, offering to match all new and increased gifts up to a total of **\$50,000** if committed by June 30.
- Throughout April and May, generous, thoughtful, amazing people respond to our challenger, making **thirty new and increased gifts and pledges totaling \$63,235.** Combined with the **\$50,000** challenge, these gifts lift us up and beyond our goal, to **\$1,900,352.** We're there, we said!
- More blessings! In early June another amazingly generous donor pledges an additional \$50,450 to the campaign, bringing our total to an abundant **\$1,950,802.**

It is difficult to express just how glorious these results are, along with the work and ministry they will make possible. We can only say thank you to God and to all the generous and dedicated souls among us. As an aside, the campaign books are still open, and additional gifts are welcome. They will only make stronger the financial foundation on which we will build.

Finally, a reflection. The act of giving is quite personal, so the numbers of this report represent valuable resources and expressions of many individual dreams and purposes.. To me, they speak of love: God's love for us, our love for each other and the wider world, and our desire to share that love as broadly and as deeply as we can. Praise be to the Giver of all that we have! Thank you, First Church in Cambridge!

Ann McCann, on behalf of the Appeal Advisory Team

Leslie Pelton-Cairnes and Joanne Paul, Co-Chairs; Members Moana Bentin, Rev. Karin Case, Don Johnson, Nate Jones, Rev. Kate Layzer, Ann McCann, Lindsay Miller, Rev. Dan Smith.

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

The First Church office will be open Tuesday–Thursday for the months of July and August. The building itself will be open from 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, and 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The building will be open its usual hours on Sundays, and both morning worship and Night Song will take place as scheduled.

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Through the months of July and August, worship will be held at 10:00 a.m., with pick-up choir meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Throughout the summer, church-school-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. (A temporary nursery space in Sage Hall will continue to be staffed by our regular caregivers during the worship hour for toddlers and infants.) We hope that kids will join in our congregation’s singing, praising, praying, and peace-passing. For quieter moments, such as the readings and sermon, books and activity packets are available in the corner by the side entrance.

We encourage children to pick a quiet activity to help them settle in during this time. If younger children are especially fidgety, families can listen to the service in the Tower Room (off the Narthex) and are also welcome to supervise their children downstairs in the Sage Hall playspace.

The Week Ahead

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day, June 18

(No Christian Formation)

10:00 a.m. Pick up Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Multigenerational Morning Worship Juneteenth Service with music by Willie Sordillo and guest musicians, Karin Case, preaching

12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting, otherwise in the Narthex)

7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Monday, June 19

6:00 p.m. Centering Meditation, The Well

7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, Dan Smith's Office

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 p.m. Mission and Social Justice Meeting, Dan Smith's Office

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching

12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting)

12:30 p.m. Discernment and Formation Team, Dan Smith's Office

7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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