



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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United Church of Christ
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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
November 10, 2013
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia

William Byrd

*HYMN 417

All My Hope on God is Founded

*GREETING

Laurie Burt

- L: The grace of God be with you!
C: God's mercy, abundant and free!
L: The love of Christ be with you!
C: And the Spirit's endless joy!
L: Come in, be at rest!
Leave your work and worry!
Assemble in hope with open hands!
C: Day by day, God will give us what we need!
L: Then, come in, let us worship
and give praise to God, the almighty Giver!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sarah Higginbotham

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

ANTHEM

Looke Downe, O Lord

William Byrd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Let us pray.
C: Forgive us, O God!
We have taken your gifts for granted,
failing to shower them on others
as freely as you gave them to us.
Give us love enough to give ourselves away.
By the testimony of joyful giving,
may the whole world know that you are good.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 281

Spirit of the Living God

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

ADDRESS

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

L: Jesus welcomes everyone
who desires new life
into the faith and family of Christ.
Do you who witness this sacrament
promise this family your love, support and care?

C: We do!

L: Will you help them grow in faith
and witness with them to the love and mercy of Christ?

C: We will, with the help of God!

BLESSING OF THE WATER

THE BAPTISMS OF AMI RAE BRENNER AND BENJAMIN RAE KALK BRENNER

BLESSING

Children from Preschool to 8th grade are now invited to leave for church school. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Sheehan Scarborough

READING

Luke 19: 1-10

SERMON

Dan Smith

SILENCE

*HYMN 236

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Adwoa Lewis-Wilson

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

L: Let us pray . . . (silence, intercessions and Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: Our Father, 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

Be Unto Me

William Byrd

Please place address/prayer request cards in the baskets, along with your offering.

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*HYMN 454

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*LEAVE-TAKING BLESSING FOR ADWOA LEWIS-WILSON

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Send me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)

Hymn 344

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of this response.

Send me, Jesus, send me Jesus

Send me, Jesus, send me Lord

Lead me, Jesus...

Fill me, Jesus...

Thuma mina, thuma mina,

Thuma mina, somandla

VOLUNTARY

Galliard

William Byrd

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

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.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

PREACHING TODAY IS Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship is Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts, and Sheehan Scarborough, Ministerial Intern. Our liturgist is First Church member Laurie Burt. Giving the Stewardship Testimony is Adwoa Lewis-Wilson. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

The YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED section of the bulletin is omitted in the online version of the liturgy to protect the privacy of those mentioned. For more information on who we are praying for this week, please contact the church office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or 617-547-2724.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce paper consumption and be better stewards of the environment, we will no longer be printing weekly bulletin announcements along with the liturgy. Instead, we will print bi-weekly booklets with news, announcements, and calendars, which will be available at the sanctuary entrances. For more information about these and other announcements, please pick up a News and Announcements booklet or visit the Latest News section of the website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

STEWARDSHIP 10 O’CLOCK HOURS Sundays, November 10, and 17, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hastings Room The Stewardship Committee is hosting a series of 10 o’clock hours exploring themes that will also be discussed on November 16 during our Life and Legacy Seminar. On November 10 we will play with the word “and” and explore what it means to be part of a community.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL November 10 at 10 a.m. in Lindsay Chapel Join Susie Longfield in a new music initiative. New and experienced ringers alike are welcome.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP FORUM November 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Hastings Room The Earth Stewardship Team and Missions & Social Justice Committee invite you to come to the Congregation wide Discussion on their current work: recycling and composting for the entire church building, involving church children and youth in sustainability projects, and ongoing discussion on Divestment. This is going to be a question and answer forum on all our projects.

MINISTERIAL DISCERNMENT GROUP Sunday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m., McKenzie Library Are you feeling liminal? If so, then consider joining us for a new support group geared towards anyone pondering, doing, or even leaving ministry. We will gather regularly to share aspects of our process--the highs and lows--and to exchange resources, prayers, and wisdom. For more info, contact: krysiaburnham@gmail.com.

SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Sundays at 2 p.m., Tower Room We meet as persons with questions about our inner lives, pursuing wellness, and to consider how our faith and our soundness inform each other. Participation in the group is open to any and all who identify with our purpose. To learn more, see Carter West (cartergw24@gmail.com.) or Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org).

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Sundays at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary Beneficia lucis, the Night Song ensemble of men directed by James Busby, makes its first appearance of the season tonight at 7 p.m. You will hear: Gregorian chant from the Liber Usualis, Bichel's tritone setting for compline and his plainchant hymn "Cardarr", O Domine adjuva me by William Byrd, Psalm 4 Cum invocarem, plainsong, Tone 8, alternating with Anglican chant by Bichel and Salve Regina by Cristobal de Morales with contemplative improvisations by jazz musician Ben Schwendener. We will be using incense tonight.

STRONGER TOGETHER - GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION AT 15 Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Temple Israel, Boston GBIO will be celebrating 15 years of powerful action related to affordable housing, healthcare for all, financial literacy, youth jobs, and more. Save the date for this ticketed fundraiser. Special guests will include Gov. Deval Patrick. For tickets please contact Jean Bellow (jean_bellow@comcast.net).

LIFE AND LEGACY RETREAT Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall “What has been important in my life?” “Did I do everything I wanted to do?” “What do I hope for in the future?” Come to the Life and Legacy Retreat. Participants Specific workshops will be offered addressing all the paperwork involved at end of life, how to organize a memorial service or funeral, where to find good health care, and planned giving. Register on line at the First Church website or email Tim Seery at tseery@college.harvard.edu by November 11.

First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;

To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;

To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;

To respect and preserve God's earth;

To foster community across every barrier and division;

To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;

To support each other in our frailties and strengths,

that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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