



Easter Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
March 31, 2013
EASTER SUNDAY

VOLUNTARY *Sonata in E-Flat Major* G. P. Telemann

*HYMN 205 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*GREETING Beth Loomis

L: Grace and peace to you this Easter Day!

C: And grace, mercy, and peace to the whole world.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

L: Give thanks! Give thanks and praise for God's unbreakable love!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

WORDS OF WELCOME Dan Smith, Reebee Girash
and Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM *Easter Triumph, Easter Joy* Carson Cooman

*Easter triumph, Easter joy!
Jesus lives and death is destroyed!
Cross and grave are past,
Jesus lives at last,
Sing and shout the gospel message!
Let our alleluias blaze!
Alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer,
Came to earth, sent by God's hand,
Now he reigns in heav'nly triumph,
Tell the news throughout the land!
Bring the blazing gospel message
To our world so full of need,
Jesus reigns alive and active,
Bringing life in word and deed.*

*EASTER PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers,
This morning, God's love pours out from our every silence.
The Risen One comes with hands full of love.
He greets us with peace the world does not know.
He gives us peace the world cannot give. Say Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Christ's peace is ours forever!

L: Alleluia! Now greet each other with a sign of peace!

**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.*

*HYMN 215

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM 30: 1-5

L: I will extol you, God, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**C: O my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

L: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**C: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's name.**

L: For the Holy One's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

READING

John 20: 1-18

SERMON

Dan Smith

*HYMN C-22

Come and Taste Of Resurrection

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Terry McKinney
and First Church Members

L: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Silence

L: For the beauty of this earth, for the joy of a new dawn,
for the blessings of this community,

All: We thank you!

L: For sadness turned to laughter, for fear turned to love,
for death turned to new life,

All: We praise you!

L: For this Easter joy that reminds us that we are
already forgiven, loved, and free,

All: We rejoice in you!

Silence

L: And still we pray:
For peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts.
God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers...

Silence

L: For peace for our parents,
and peace for our children.
God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers...

Silence

L: For peace in our church,
and peace across all faiths.
God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers...

Silence

L: For peace in our cities,
and peace in our nation.
God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers...

Silence

L: For peace in our world,
and for the care of your creation.
God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers...

Silence

L: O God in Christ, giver of new life, our Creator,
our Redeemer, our Sustainer, we pray:

**All: Bring us, now and always,
a peace and wholeness the world cannot give.
And let our souls rise to meet you
as the day rises to meet the sun.**

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

Karen McArthur

OFFERTORY

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Alice Parker

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,
May live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.
- Edmund Spenser, 1585*

*EASTER DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess;
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

*CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION

*THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G.F. Handel

The text for the Hallelujah Chorus can be found on the next page. There are a limited number of vocal scores available to be shared with your neighbor.

The bulletin cover is an image of a ceramic mosaic created by the children of the church and designed by Perry Neubauer. The sunrise depicted recalls the morning of Jesus' resurrection when the women disciples visited the empty tomb at dawn. The sunrise theme also symbolizes Jesus' life and ministry as the Light of the World.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G. F. HANDEL

Hal-lelujah! Hal-lelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle-lujah!	King of Kings, For ever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hal-lelujah! Hal-lelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle-lujah!	And Lord of Lords, For ever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of Kings, For ever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And Lord of Lords, King of Kings, And Lord of Lords,
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!	And He shall reign, And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings For ever and ever! And Lord of Lords Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his Christ;	And He shall reign for ever, for ever and ever.
And He shall reign for ever and ever For ever and ever And He shall reign and He shall reign For ever, for ever, for ever, for ever and ever For ever, for ever and ever,	King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
King of Kings, For ever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And Lord of Lords, For ever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	<i>*WAIT and WATCH*</i> HAL – LE – LU – JAH!



**Easter Flowers in Celebration and
in Memory of Friends and
Loved Ones**

*Wilbur Applegate
Marie Halun Bloch
Donald Beaty Bloch
Alan and Margaret Broughton
Lincoln Clark Jr.
Elwin Colson
Katharine Hardesty Destler
Frank Dorman
Eunice and David Dow
Dutchess
Marval and Ruby Evans
Barbara Freeman
Sonnie Friedman
Charles Lincoln Gagnebin
Louis and Charlotte Gagnebin
Charles and Hannah Gilbert
Wells Brown Grogan
Allen Paul Happe
Edith and Joseph Harter
Walter Harter
Doris Keyes Hopkins
Edith Crary Howe
Janyce Jennings
Harold and Laura Jensen*

*Wilder Daniel Leisher
Virginia Caird Ludwig
Philip and Ann Matthews
Marva Digby McArthur
Helen and Richard McCann
Judith McConnell
Anne Folkes Miller
Mariam Nelson
Martha and Ted Neubauer
Betty Ann Paul
Robert and Mary Ellen Preusser
Jack Reddy
Alice Richards
Tom and Midge Sheriff
Albert A Smith
Daisy May Smith
Elizabeth Choate Spykman
Nicholas John Spykman
James and Edna Sykes
George and Eleanor Walker
Pauline Brown West
Paul Francis West
Bernardette S. White
Paul West*

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, toddlers and preschoolers 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 are Reebee Girash, Interim Minister, Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is First Church member Beth Loomis. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Robinson Pyle is playing the trumpet. First Church member Andrew Clark is directing the Hallelujah Chorus.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EASTER SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Today at 5:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall Please join us in an Easter jazz worship and musical meditation. Pianist Carolyn Wilkins and her band will lead us through inspiring selections of African-American spirituals, Jazz standards, and Gospel songs. Celebrate the new life and joy that dawn again on Easter day!

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Today at 7 p.m., Sanctuary Bask in the beauty of Renaissance polyphony, Gregorian chant, introspective modal improvisations by jazz musicians, incense and icons. Participation in Night Song, about an hour in length, is through listening and silent prayer. It is not meant to be a performance, but rather a transformance – a medium for achieving inner peace, centering and spiritual renewal. Set apart from the sights, sounds, and values of current culture, Night Song helps participants enter an inner mystical silence. You are invited and encouraged to attend and to tell others about this opportunity at First Church. If you have any interest in singing, ushering or helping with publicity for Night Song, contact Daryl Bichel at 617-312-8328, [daryl**bichel**@aol.com](mailto:darylbichel@aol.com).

SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

TREMENDOUS HEARTS FILM SCREENING Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m., Hastings Room Please join us April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Hastings Room to view a short film about the work of Tremendous Hearts, an organization whose mission is to provide highly-skilled volunteers to commit to long term projects to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children in South African. Staff from Tremendous Hearts will be available to discuss the film and answer questions about the organization. Refreshments will be available.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 a.m. in the Hastings Room Gentle men of First Church! Join us for a hearty breakfast and even heartier conversations about topics that connect our faith to our lives and our world. One-time visitors, friends, and newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Efthim, pwefthim@verizon.net. If you'd like to sign up for the Men's Breakfast e-mail list to receive monthly reminders, contact Kirsten Manville, parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org.

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS SUMMIT Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room Our Pastoral Care Teams are vital for reminding those of our First Church family who are going through especially difficult or especially joyful times, or are just unable to be with us on Sundays, that they are not alone. The Teams do so by their amazing dedication and generosity of time. On April 7, following Morning Worship, we'll be having a Pastoral Care Teams Summit for Team members — new and old — to share and compare what their experiences have been like, to ask questions, and to talk about ways we can fine tune the work we do. And if you haven't been on a Pastoral Care Team and would like to find out more, this is a great opportunity to do so! If you have questions, contact Terry McKinney, tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org.

BOOK GROUP *GOD HAS A DREAM: A VISION OF HOPE FOR OUR TIME*, Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. Reebee will be leading a book group in April on one of Desmond Tutu's *God Has a Dream* writings. E-mail Reebee, or sign up at Coffee Hour if you would like to join this book group. We will meet Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 24, both at 7:00 p.m. Books will be available in Margaret Jewett Hall during coffee hour

WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION The Women's Retreat will take place Friday night April 12th - Sunday, noon April 14th at Craigville Conference Center, Cape Cod. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to spend with other women for a time of fellowship, reflection and renewal. If you are newer feel free to ask others about the event. We'd love to have you join a relaxing weekend overlooking the ocean. The *Janyce Jennings Fund* allows all women to attend regardless of ability to pay. Car pools are organized that all may attend. Register on the First Church website by clicking on "Worship, Music & Spiritual Life," then "Small Groups". Registration continues during coffee hour through 4/7/13.

NEW *HAVRUTA* BIBLE STUDY - SEARCHING FOR WHOLENESS, ALONE AND TOGETHER These past weeks our congregation has been asking ourselves a deep set of questions. How do we sustain ourselves with renewed balance? How do we sustain ourselves toward greater wholeness? How do we do so alone and together? This conversation will continue to unfold in many ways. One place it will continue is in a *havruta* group that will meet Thursday mornings, 7:00-8:45a.m., for six weeks starting April 18th. If there's a text that captures our focus, it comes from John's Gospel: *Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. We invite you to come and sit by the well. Come once. Come twice. Come every week. Come if you've done havruta before. (Havruta is Hebrew for "befriend.") Come if you've never tried it. Simply come and sit with us. We begin with breakfast. Several members of the group will take turns sharing a text, not necessarily biblical, perhaps a poem or short reading. We explore the text through dialogue and conversation. And we listen for insights, images, common language to recognize more fully the grace of balance and wholeness, alone and together. For more information, contact Brent Coffin at brentbcoffin@gmail.com or Gaylen Morgan at photongm@comcast.net.*

MISSION 4/1 EARTH The Earth Stewardship Team invites everyone to participate in **Mission 4/1 Earth** from **April 1 to May 19**, fifty days of powering down, greening up, and shouting out for the environment. During these fifty days from Easter to Pentecost we will plant trees, write advocacy letters on environmental concerns, build food gardens, and create ways of caring for the earth and our neighbors. On **Sunday April 21**, we will celebrate Mission 4/1 Earth with liturgy about what it means to be stewards of the earth, a blessing of the bicycles, inter-generational singing, and more. We may also have some service opportunities on April 20. Excited? Read more at <http://www.ucc.org/earth/>, and for further information contact Susan Redlich (susan.redlich@gmail.com) or Reebee Girash (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org). Read more on the First Church website at <http://firstchurchcambridge.org/first-church-in-the-world/earth-stewardship-team>.

GBIO SENATE CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m., Location TBD First Church in Cambridge is an active member in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization which will be hosting a US Senate Candidate Accountability Action on Sunday, April 21st from 7 - 9 p.m. Congressman Ed Markey and Representative Stephen Lynch have confirmed their participation. The candidates for John Kerry's Senate seat will be engaged around current GBIO concerns including Immigration, Gun Violence Prevention and the Affordable Care Act. The location will be announced next week. If you have questions or concerns about the action, please talk to Dan Smith or Carolyn White or visit www.gbio.org.

CAMBRIDGE CONCENTUS PERFORMS BACH WITH PETER SYKES, ORGANIST Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary Cambridge Concentus with soloists Leon Schelhase, Dylan Sauerwald, Marika Holmqvist, and Emily Rideout perform an all-Bach program on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational (11 Garden Street). The program features the C-Major Double Harpsichord Concerto, Brandenburg Concerto VI, and the cantata *Wo sol lich fliehen hin?*. First Church's Peter Sykes will perform a masterpiece by J.S. Bach on the magnificent organ. A wine and cheese reception follows the concert. For more information, please visit cambridgeconcentus.org or call (617) 952-4050. \$20 suggested donation at the door.

NEXT JOINING SUNDAY ON APRIL 28 Are you a newcomer to First Church? Interested in joining First Church? If you answered yes to either of these questions and would like to know more about our community, please join church leaders during for our next Third-Sunday Newcomer Gathering on April 21. A light lunch will be served in Margaret Jewett Hall; please make a plate and bring it into the Hastings Room. This session will be in preparation for the joining service on April 28; we'll go over the liturgy and discuss what it means to live in covenant. If you would like to join First Church on April 28, please let Dan Smith know at dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org.

GET INVOLVED

CALLING ALL WALKERS. YOUNG AND OLD (AND IN BETWEEN): THE ANNUAL WALK FOR HUNGER is but five weeks away on May 5th. This year our very own First Church Shelter will be fielding its flagship walk team, comprised of shelter guests, staff members, friends and whomever in the congregation would like to sign on. Did you know that The Walk For Hunger, through its parent sponsor, Project Bread, contributes a sizeable grant that helps to fund the shelter's food and meal operating budget? And that they also help to fund upwards of 500 other Emergency Food Programs in greater Massachusetts? The Walk itself is a scenic stroll starting and ending at the Boston Common and traversing Brookline, Newton, Watertown and Cambridge. Also, one needn't trek the entire route - there are multiple checkpoints along the way at which to register. One can walk as far as they are physically comfortable. Shelter Overnight Supervisor Steve Brown will be on the scene after services today and over the upcoming Sundays with pledge materials and to answer any questions. For more information, please visit www.projectbread.org.

HARVARD SQUARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PARTNERS WITH LEAF TABLETS

"Walking around the Square, you can't help but notice people in need. But even if you have spare change to put 'in the cup' you can't be sure how it'll be spent," said Denise Jillson, executive director of the Harvard Square Business Association. "We've been working with the business community to help solve this dilemma and considered donation boxes, but for many reasons, dealing with cash or change ourselves was less than ideal. When we learned about Leaf and the charitable component to its business, we knew it was a perfect match." Starting this month, Leaf tablets will be available in many Harvard Square businesses including the First Church Shelter, Black Ink, Brattle Square Florist, Concepts, Curious George, Market in the Square, Tistik and The Tannery, enabling patrons to donate with the swipe of a credit card. HSBA will work directly with local charities including Youth on Fire, Harvard Square Meals Program, On The Rise, Bread and Jams' Self Advocacy Center, CASPAR, Spare Change, and The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter to ensure that the money is put to good use. Donors can select the amount they wish to give - starting at one dollar - and will know exactly how their money will be spent. For example: \$1 can provide a pair of socks, \$5 can provide three hot meals, \$10 can provide one onsite medical visit, \$20 can provide one meeting with a counselor, \$50 can provide a living wage (3.5 hours of paid work), and \$100 can provide shelter for a week. Please look for Leaf tablets and support this program.

DONATE TO THE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM The Mission and Social Justice Committee urges you to donate books to the Prison Book Program, an affiliate of the City Mission Society. Please bring gently used or new books to church on Sunday, March 31st and/or Sunday, April 7th. There will be cartons in the narthex of First Church to receive the books. A big thank you to Gay Harter and Norm Bendroth for transporting the books to their destination. Paperbacks will be made available to prisoners; hardbacks will be sold to support the Prison Book Program. (Prisons exclude hardbacks.) Dictionaries are a priority, but all books welcome. Thank you for your contribution of books. For information, contact Gay Harter at asharter@verizon.net.

WELCOME SPRING WITH A PLANTING OF COLORFUL PANSIES AND

CHOCOLATE Pick up your flower orders at First Church on April 7 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Contact Ann Curby (617-876-6255) with questions. RIM/Cambridge is also selling Fair Trade chocolate to support refugees arriving in Boston. There is a choice of milk or dark chocolate, for \$3/bar or 2/\$5. We will be selling the bars on pansy pick-up day.

PRACTICING HOSPITALITY: PEW CLIP BOARDS Visitor cards/prayer request cards and temporary nametags are on the clipboard at the end of your pew. Please pass the clipboards down the pew so that everyone can view them. Completed visitor cards/prayer cards can be put into the offertory container. And, as always, please wear your name tag. If you have questions, contact Karen McArthur or Reebee Girash.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY - UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Living into our Vision of a Multicultural, Multiracial First Church: Balancing the Present with Lessons from the Past. See the Building Beloved Community page on our website!

“Tremendous Hearts” Founded by First Church member Marilyn Votaw, Tremendous Hearts’ mission is to provide highly skilled volunteers to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. Marilyn is presenting two events at First Church: a film (**April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.**) and a concert (Boston Community Choir) on Saturday evening, **April 27**. For information, speak to Bob Kelley of the Mission and Social Justice Committee, or email rkelley@gmail.com.

Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 24 , 7:30 p.m. “God Has a Dream” (Desmond Tutu) Reebee Girash will lead a discussion of this book by this world-renowned advocate for human rights and love for neighbor. Copies available from Reebee.

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. Gardening opportunity in Dorchester cosponsored by the Sustainability Guild Intl, our Mission and Social Justice Committee and Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. Bring your lunch, gardening gloves and your love of all of God's creation. Please sign up with Nancy Kilburn at nkkilburn@comcast.net Project ends at 3 p.m.. A link for more information about the garden project can be found at www.coopmet.org

Tuesday, April 23, please attend **Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries’ Annual Meeting, at First Church – this year’s theme is “Racial and Religious Healing: Grounding Humanity.”** A panel, including the **CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference**, Charles Steele, Phyllis and Eugene Unterschuetz (authors of “Longing: Stories of Racial Healing”), and Omar Abdul-Malik will discuss the theme of racial and religious healing. The panel moderator is Dr. Charles Ogletree, Jesse Climenko Professor at Harvard Law School. Please sign up on EventBrite at [_http://cmmanualmeeting2013.eventbrite.com/#](http://cmmanualmeeting2013.eventbrite.com/#). To get the event-Brite link you may also go to www.coopmet.org.

Thursday, May 2nd 7 – 9 p.m. Please join First Church member **Arleigh Prelow who will be screening (at First Church) her life-long work, a film, entitled “The Psalm of Howard Thurman”** Rev. Howard Thurman (1899 – April 10, 1981) was an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was the Dean of Chapel at Howard University and Boston University for more than twenty years. He wrote twenty-one books, and in 1944 helped found a multicultural church. (Choir members note the choir will meet at a different time so you can attend the film.)

To join the Building Beloved Community discussion group, please contact Jean Bellow at jean_bellow@comcast.net. (note underscore between the two names.)

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Christ is Risen! Multigenerational Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Worship, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 3

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Tremendous Hearts Film Screening, Hastings Room

Thursday, April 4

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Friday, April 5

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Teen Overnight, Sage Hall

Saturday, April 6

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Hastings Room

Sunday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Bob Kelley, preaching, Communion in Stations
- 11:20 a.m. Outdoor Church sandwich-making (PreK-Grade 7)
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Teams Summit
- 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee,
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

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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