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**Lent**

**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 4, 2012

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*Our Lenten services will begin with a time of silent reflection.*

SILENCE

INTROIT

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

GREETING

Mark Destler

\*HYMN 100

*By Gracious Powers*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Karen McArthur

ANTHEM

*Ave Verum*

Edward Elgar

*Jesus, work of God incarnate,  
Of the Virgin Mary born,  
On the Cross Thy sacred Body  
For us men with nails was torn.*

*Cleanse us, by the blood and water  
Streaming from thy pierced side;  
Feed us with Thy body broken,  
Now, and in death's agony!*

*O Jesus, hear us, Son of Mary.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us ask God for pardon, healing and peace.

All: **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal.*

**We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 312 *Come, Gather in this Peaceful Place*

*All children from PreK to 8th grade are invited to leave after the hymn to make sandwiches for today's Outdoor Church offering. The children will make the sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall, and return to the service in time for the sandwiches to be blessed with the weekly offering.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING Acts 2: 37-47

HOMILY Wendy Vanderhart

SILENCE

LENTEN TESTIMONY George Dyer

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Agnus Dei* Thomas Morley  
ed. Edward Tambling

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.**

## COMMUNION-IN-THE-ROUND

### \*GATHERING

#### \*PRAYER OF PREPARATION

- L: And now let us pray.  
Praise to you, God of glory,  
for this welcome table, set in love  
for all who seek to know you!  
From the foundation of the world  
you have desired to share  
the banquet of life with all your creatures.
- C: Mindful of our failings and of your kindness to us,  
we ask help for our hearts, that we may grow  
in love and forbearance, each for each.**
- L: Mindful also of all whose lives  
are marked by pain and exclusion,  
we thank you for the joy we know  
in your household.
- C: Make us able and willing  
to welcome the world as Jesus did,  
and to witness in word and work  
to the justice you desire.**

#### \*REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

- L: Now, O God, we remember Jesus, our brother.  
*Silence*
- L: We remember that he fasted and prayed;  
he was tempted and tried.
- C: He relied on your word to save him.**
- L: We remember that he was obedient to you  
and scorned by the world's powers.
- C: He confounded the haughty  
and gave hope to the humble.**
- L: We remember that he was betrayed and deserted.  
He died between thieves  
and was buried in a borrowed grave.
- C: We believe that you gave him new life.  
He lives even now, our pardon and peace.**
- L: We remember that he loved us well,  
and loved us to the end.

**C: Even on the eve of death,  
with danger everywhere,  
he ate supper with his friends.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

\*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.**

\*SHARING BREAD AND CUP

*Please take a piece of bread as it is served to you, and dip it into one of the cups. Red wine will be offered in a clear glass. White grape juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. Persons who for any reason are not able to come forward will be served in the pews.*

\*THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God,  
for the gladness in this bread and cup,  
for love that cannot die,  
for peace the world cannot give,  
for joy in the company of friends,  
for the splendors of creation,  
and for the mission of justice  
you have made our own.  
Give us the gifts of this holy communion --  
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,  
forgiveness of enemies,  
and the will to serve you everyday,  
and life that never ends.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN (*insert*)

*Psalm 23*

\*BENEDICTION

# Psalm 23

C-3

1. My God, my shep-herd and my guide, you sat - is -  
 2. You bring my soul to peace a - gain and set my  
 3. You lay a ban-quet out for me in sight of  
 4. I know your good-ness and your love will al - ways

fy my need, you of - fer rest in pleas - ant fields,  
 path a - right. Your rod and staff sub - due my fears,  
 all my foes. You hon - or me and fill my cup  
 fol - low me, and in your house I'll make my home

to wat - ers calm you lead.  
 in dark-ness you give light.  
 un - til it ov - er - flows.  
 for all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: New translation by Denise Karuth

MUSIC: New England Psalter, 1698

LOW DUTCH

One has to need the Psalms before one greatly prizes them. It is not until we are the sheep of the Shepherd, and we are aware that he is leading us and making us to rest by the still waters that we know the twenty-third psalm. It is not until we are in the valley of the shadow of death that we can sing, as it should be sung: "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

The Psalms deepen and exalt life. The deepened and exalted life is fond of the Psalms.

Alexander McKenzie  
*Eleventh Minister 1867-1912*

## **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 hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. (Follow the crowd.) 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 speak to one of the ministers after church, or visit us on the web at [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org)

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.**

**Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

Activity packets for children's use during worship are also available near the sanctuary doors. Nursery care for infants and toddlers (through age 4) is located down the hallway and up four stairs to the door on the right. The worship service is also broadcast in the Hastings Room, across from the sanctuary entrance.

**PREACHING TODAY IS** Wendy Vander Hart, First Church member and Associate Conference Minister of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Assisting with worship are Dan Smith, Senior Minister, and Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Mark Destler. Giving the Lenten Testimony is First Church member George Dyer. Louise Mundinger is playing the organ and directing the choir.

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](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER** Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). If you would like to share a healing prayer, receive an anointing or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known. In addition to healing prayers offered after the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

**OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING** On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and return with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. Speak with Sarah Higginbotham or the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in the ongoing mission project.

**GBIO WORKING TO ADDRESS INCOME INEQUALITY** Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) has active campaigns about reducing crushing health care costs, giving youth summer jobs, improving the quality of local education, promoting minority small business development, and raising elder issues. Join GBIO for its Health Care Action with Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley on **Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. at Roxbury Presbyterian Church**. Watch the Sunday worship bulletins for further details.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS** If you brought foodstuffs for the local Food Pantry at 362 Rindge Avenue, the donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex upon entering the church. A big thank you to Ann Curby for masterminding their delivery to the food pantry.

**ONE MORE WEEK TO JOIN THE PICK UP CHOIR** While Peter is recovering from his shoulder surgery, there will not be choir rehearsals on Thursday nights. The music for next Sunday morning, March 11, will be rehearsed on Sunday 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. All interested singers are invited to join the Choir, led by Louise Munding, to sing some wonderful music for our worship service!

**FAMILY CHOIR WILL SING ON EASTER SUNDAY** The Family Choir will sing in Morning Worship on **Easter Sunday, April 8**. Rehearsals will take place at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room** on **Sundays, March 11, 18, and 25**. Voices of all parts, all ages, and all experience levels are most welcome. No need to read music; we'll learn by ear and support one another in the harmonies. This will be the last Family Choir offering until next fall, so if you've thought about joining, this is your time! Contact Sarah Higginbotham for more information.

**COVENANT DINNERS – SIGN UP AND HOSTS NEEDED** Potluck “Covenant Dinners” are a great way to meet and get to know people from First Church. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable meal, spiced with good company and new friends. Sign up today during coffee hour, or contact Marian Smith at [msmith829@gmail.com](mailto:msmith829@gmail.com) or 607-748-0853. Choose the day and time that work best for you. Let us know if you have special needs (e.g.: accessibility, dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, allergies), and if you need a ride. Children are welcome, and you are encouraged to come as a family. Your host will contact you a few days before your meal with details and to coordinate the menu. If you have the gift of hospitality and you are interested in hosting a dinner, please contact Marian for more information.

**LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUNDAY SERVICE?**

Each week the deacons invite people to participate in the Sunday service as greeters and to help collect the offering. Please speak to a deacon -- Mark Destler, Martha Dyer, Dick Harter, Barbara Hume, Rachele LaMaster, Lindsay Miller, Susie Neubauer, Chris Reynolds, or Karen Anne Zee -- if this interests you.

**CREATIVE ARTS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL** Would you like to spend some time with the younger set of First Church folk? The Church School is seeking adult volunteers to assist with creative arts projects on March 18, April 15, and May 27 during the worship hour. Work side-by-side with children from pre-kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade as we create artwork to be displayed in the sanctuary (in March and April) and plant flowers on the front lawn (in May). Please contact Sarah Higginbotham to learn more and sign up for one (or more) Sunday.

**TRAUMA AND GRACE** What faith practices do we have that can help us to hold and make meaning of current and past traumas? What role can forgiveness play and what are some other options for healing? Some resources have been prepared to help individuals deal with these very issues. If you would like a copy of these resources or would like to explore the subject further, please contact Dan Smith ([dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org)) or Terry McKinney ([temckinney@msn.com](mailto:temckinney@msn.com))

**DISABILITY FORUM FOLLOW-UP** Whether or not you were able to participate in the Disability Forum a few weeks ago we would like to invite you to be part of future discussions about disability and access issues here at First Church. We need your questions, suggestions, and interest in some sort of Disability/Access group that can take the lead on these issues. To share your ideas and get involved, please contact Carolyn R. Thompson at [carolynrt@verizon.net](mailto:carolynrt@verizon.net).

**SAVE THE DATES!** The 2012 Women's Retreat will take place the weekend after Easter. Friday night April 13th through Sunday noon April 15th at The Lodge, Craigville Conference Center, Cape Cod. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to get to know other women at the church during a time of fellowship, reflection and renewal. If you are newer to the church and have not attended feel free to ask others about the event. We would love to have you join a relaxing weekend on a bluff overlooking the ocean and a salt marsh. Sign-up will begin Sunday, March 4th. The retreat planning team began meeting the week of February 5th, and are in need of a few good women to join the planning team. Please contact Carolyn A. White at cawhitema@gmail.com or (617) 417-7177.

**375th EXHIBITION** Come see 375 years of First Church history through the lens of the six meeting houses where this congregation has worshiped. The exhibition, "Keeping the Covenant in Harvard Square," is in the Tower Room, just off the narthex, or main entrance, to the church.

**STOP S. 2080 AND H. 3818 "THREE STRIKES" PROVISIONS FROM PASSING IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE** The Mission and Social Justice Committee urges you to contact your State Senator and State Representative to call for a "no" vote on S. 2080 and H. 3818. These bills have passed their respective houses and are in conference committee. There will be a vote on the bill which emerges from the conference committee. These bills would deny parole to offenders with three convictions for felonies, which may include such nonviolent crimes as bad check-writing and burglary. The result will be inhumane overcrowding in prisons. Please call Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 to discuss other failures of such legislation. Find your legislators on [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com). Thank you so much. If you call, please let Alice know the results.

**DISRUPTING THE SCRIPT: RAISING TO LEGAL CONSCIOUSNESS SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON BLACK WOMEN** The UCC and First Church have made a commitment to becoming multi-racial, which involves taking on the driving concerns of those not currently part of the majority. The Mission & Social Justice Committee particularly urges you to pay attention to inequality in our criminal justice system. As potential jurors, voting citizens, and caring Christians, we can address these issues. The U.S. justice system's response to rape is affected by the race of the rape survivor. We urge you to attend a conference at Brandeis University that we're co-sponsoring: "Disrupting the Script: Raising to Legal Consciousness Sexual Assaults on Black Women" on Monday, March 19, 2012 from 12:00 noon until 5:30 PM in the Levin Ballroom, Usdan Student Center. First Church fellow-worshipper, Professor Bernadette Brooten, is co-convener along with Professor Anita Hill. The conference begins with a powerful theatrical performance. Please ponder how institutional racism is supported by the dominant culture, and what each of us can do to disrupt the script. For more information on the conference and its message, see: <http://www.brandeis.edu/projects/fse/conferences/disrupting-the-script/about.html>. Wheelchair accessible. If sign language interpretation is needed, please call to find out availability. Need a ride? Contact Dave Kidder at (617) 276-6227. Brandeis is also easy to reach by public transportation.

**UAFA (THE UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT)** is a proposed revision to the existing Immigration and Naturalization Act to insert the words “or permanent partner” everywhere the term “spouse” appears. Its purpose is to enable U.S. citizens to sponsor a non-U.S. citizen for permanent residency (a “Green Card”) if the two people are a same-sex couple in committed, long-term relationship. Please write or call your federal representative and senators to support this bill. The Mission and Social Justice Committee would like to hear back from you. Contact Jean Miller at [jeanmiller.miller37@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmiller.miller37@gmail.com), for giving feedback.

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*The*  
**OUTDOOR CHURCH**  
*of Cambridge*

MINISTRY UPDATE  
MARCH 2012



This remarkably warm winter has been a season of remarkable growth for the Outdoor Church in its ministry among the chronically homeless men and women of Cambridge.

#### EXPANDED STREET OUTREACH

Starting in January, the Outdoor Church expanded the scope of its street outreach to three new locations in Cambridge. Our expansion has brought us into relationship with a number of homeless men and women we have been able to provide with sandwiches, juice, socks, and toiletries in addition to prayer and pastoral care. We expect to meet and be able to serve even more people at these locations as we enter into spring.

#### NEW AND IMPROVED WORSHIP SERVICES

Alongside of our street outreach, we are also glad to report that the Outdoor Church's worship life is also expanding. After inaugurating a service of compline in Central Square this past November, we are now able to offer our congregants three worship opportunities every Sunday. In January, the Outdoor Church welcomed Zachary Kerzee, a first year ministry student at Harvard Divinity School, onto our staff as the volunteer Music Director. His talent as a guitarist and vocalist has invigorated our 9 a.m. worship service and has kept our congregants' toes tapping as they sing along to their favorite hymns. With his help we have also printed the first ever Outdoor Church hymnal. The hymnal contains songs that speak deeply to the circumstances of the chronically homeless men and women who make up our congregation. We look forward to integrating music into all of our worship services in coming months.

#### ALL THANKS TO YOU!

All of this tremendous growth would not be possible were it not for the care and generosity of congregations like yours. We thank you for your continued support of the Outdoor Church's ministry and ask that you keep our congregants and our ministers in your prayers.

Please join us for an open forum  
**“Reconstructing” Health Care:  
Health Care Payment Reform in Massachusetts  
and Why it Matters to You**

**Sunday, March 11, 2012, 3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
at **Beth El Temple Center, 2 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA**  
*Enter the parking lot from Blanchard Road.*

Two of the nation's top health care reform experts will speak to us and answer questions:

***Dr. Paul Hattis***

Sr. Associate Director, MPH Program, Tufts Medical School;  
Co-chair, Health Care Payment Reform Task Force of Greater Boston Interfaith Organization  
Member of GBIO Sister Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, Newton, MA

***Brian Rosman***

Director of Research, Health Care for All/Massachusetts  
Member of GBIO Sister Congregation Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, West Roxbury, MA

Background: In response to soaring health care costs, the Massachusetts legislature is considering transformative changes in how the Commonwealth pays for health care. **These changes will affect each one of us** – how each of us will access and pay for health care. Our actions also will influence national health care reform.

Join GBIO/Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to learn about the issue, why it is important to us, and how we can make sure our voices are heard.

The program will:

- Explain why health care costs in Massachusetts are rising so rapidly.
- Show how other states have dealt with this problem.
- Describe the scope of the proposed health care payment reform legislation.
- Present the five key reform principles which GBIO wants to see included in the legislation.
- Mobilize consumers to help influence the outcome of the new Massachusetts legislation.



**Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, MA**

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

*Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)*

<http://www.betheltemplecenter.org/tikkunolam/social-justice>

[www.gbio.org](http://www.gbio.org)



Your RSVP to [GBIO.BETC@gmail.com](mailto:GBIO.BETC@gmail.com) would be helpful as we plan this event.

Tel: 617-484-6668

## WORSHIP AND SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE** Every Sunday through April 29 at 7 p.m. in the 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 new opportunity at First Church.

**THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP** March 18, 11:00 a.m. On March 18, Carolyn Wilkins, Dan Smith, and others will be leading a jazzed up version of our Morning Worship Service, sharing music and parts of the liturgy from our usual Third Sunday Jazz Vespers. Join us as we sing out and celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Lent with a jazz and gospel feel. Also, mark your calendars for Third Sunday Jazz Vespers in Margaret Jewett Hall on April 15 at its usual time of 5:00 p.m.

**MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP** 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 (temckinney@msn.com) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

**TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** First Church families gather every other Tuesday night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Sage Hall for a simple potluck supper and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Family Nights during Lent – March 6, 20, and April 3 – will include discussion of excerpts from Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore's *In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice*, facilitated by Rachele LaMaster and Sarah Higginbotham. Sarah will send pdf copies of the (short!) readings to the church family email list one week before each discussion. Even if you can't attend Family Night, parents are welcome to join our informal book study by following along from your computer screen.

**MONTHLY NEWCOMER SESSIONS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:15 P.M.** We are blessed to be graced by many visitors and newcomers to our church community. While we have always held newcomer sessions around a joining Sunday, we will now be offering monthly gatherings with a topical focus. Hopefully this will allow newcomers to get to know one another and to enter into engaging dialogue around topics ranging from our faith journeys to basic tenets of the Christian journey. We will also continue to share information about First Church and the UCC. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue.

## The Week Ahead

### Today, Sunday, March 4

#### The Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Holy Communion, (a time for healing prayer offered immediately following service), Wendy Vander Hart, preaching
- 12:30 p.m. Church School Teacher Training, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. All Church Gathering and Lunch, MJH
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

### Monday, March 5

- 10:00 a.m. *Havruta* Small Group, Hastings Room\*

### Tuesday, March 6

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Transition Team, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room

### Wednesday, March 7

- 7:00 a.m. *Havruta* Small Group, Hastings Room\*
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:45 p.m. Spiritual Formation Small Group, Dan Smith's Office\*

### Sunday, March 11

#### The Third Sunday in Lent

(Note: Daylight Saving Time begins)

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. *Havruta* Small Group Text Study, Tower Room
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching, Lenten Testimony
- 11:20 a.m. Church School Classes (PreK-Grade 8)
- 12:30 p.m. All Church Gathering and Lunch, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

\*Registration required. Please see related announcement in Lenten insert.

## 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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