



Easter Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH
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EASTER SUNDAY

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Suite in D

G. F. Handel

*HYMN 205

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*EASTER GREETING

Kate Weller

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, Sarah Higginbotham

FAMILY CHOIR

Alleluia Round

William Boyce

INVITATION

Marianne Jensen

L: Sisters and brothers,

God's love pours out from the grave of sadness.

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.

C: Let us rejoice! Christ's peace is ours forever! Alleluia!

L: Now greet each other with this Easter peace!

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN C-22

Come and Taste Of Resurrection

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**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.*

RESPONSIVE PSALM 133

L: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
**C: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**
L: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**C: For there God ordained the blessing,
life forevermore.**

ANTHEM *Alleluia* Randall Thompson

READING Luke 24:13-49

SERMON *Last Words First* Dan Smith

*HYMN 212 *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Easter Antiphon* David Hurd

Alleluia! The Lord is risen, is risen indeed; come let us adore him! Alleluia! The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! The Lord is risen, is risen indeed; come let us adore him! Alleluia!

*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.**

Children from PreK to 8th grade are invited to leave after the hymn for their Church

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Karen McArthur
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!

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

All: Hear our prayer...
(*silence*)

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

All: Hear our prayer...

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

All: Hear our prayer...

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

All: Hear our prayer...

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

All: Hear our prayer...

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 the world cannot give.

L: ...and now let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

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.**

*HYMN C-13 *Christ, We Meet You On Our Way*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Sending Forth* Paul Sawyer

*We have been gathered from the world to be judged and received.
Now we are sent forth into that world,
to be the scattered church of Jesus Christ,
declaring through our word and deed,
"The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*

VOLUNTARY *Toccata* Giambattista Martini

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

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George and Marjorie Williams
Camilla and Edward Wood
Y. T. and Luteh Ting Yu*

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

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 Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Terry McKinney, Affiliate Minister of Mental Health Outreach, Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is First Church member Marianne Jensen. Taking part in the service are First Church members Claudia Dyer, Maggie LaMaster, John Matias, Hannah Stuart, James Stuart, Emma Weller, and Kate Weller. Louise Munding is playing the organ and Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is directing the choir. Robinson Pyle is playing the trumpet.

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

IN MEMORIAM A memorial service for Richard McCann will be held on Friday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception in Margaret Jewett Hall will immediately follow. Please hold Ann and David McCann and their family in your prayers, as they mourn their loss.

FIRST CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE Our brand new website is now "live". Please click on www.firstchurchcambridge.org to check it out! Don't miss photos of the congregation, audio recordings of music and sermons, video on the Havruta, History, Shelter and Special Music pages, a monthly calendar, a latest news and a 'take action' button on every page to keep you up-to-date on social justice efforts. Special thanks to Alicia Pritt and Theory One Design and to many First Church members who have made this site possible! Be sure to share our web address with all your friends along with an invitation to our Holy Week and Easter services. Also, please be sure to "like" our new Facebook and/or link to our new Google + pages. And please stay tuned—we are still adding features, pages and events.

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) or Terry McKinney (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.

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 next Sunday, April 15, and on May 27 during the worship hour. Work side-by-side with children from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade as we create artwork to be displayed in the sanctuary (in 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.

ALABANZA A DIOS! All are invited to a special worship event after Easter, Wednesday evening April 11 at Andover Newton Theological School's Wilson Chapel, 8 p.m. This should be a special service of worship and praise offered by the Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston, which meets typically at Tremont Temple on Tremont St in Boston. This is the Hispanic church that member and in-care seminarian Ellen Rohan Ball has spent time in as part of her Border Crossing experience, and has written about in the last issue of the Event. Come for lively music and Spirit-filled prayer and praise. Feel free to talk to Ellen for carpooling or other interest.

INTRODUCTORY SHOWING OF "CENTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD" Two Sundays, April 22 and 29, 10 a.m., Hastings Room
This course was developed by Father Thomas Keating, a leading proponent of Christian contemplative prayer, and the founder of the international organization, Contemplative Outreach. Several congregation

members have viewed the course, donated to First Church, at home (6 DVD's, a workbook, and other material). Based on their enthusiasm, and general interest in Christian contemplative prayer within First Church, highlights of this course will be presented in two interactive sessions, as a Christian Formation activity. For more information, contact Stan Goldin (stan_goldin@hms.harvard.edu)

HILDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at First Church. Rabbi Brian Walt of Tikun v'Or Congregation in Ithaca will speak on "Affirming a Judaism and Jewish Identity without Zionism: A Personal/Spiritual/Ethical Journey." Rabbi Walt is the founding Rabbi of Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, former executive director of Rabbis for Human Rights--North America, and co-founder of Taanit Tzadek--Jewish Fast for Gaza. Sponsored by American Jews for a Just Peace and the Palestine-Israel Task Team of First Church. Come and welcome Rabbi Walt to First Church.

HEALING EARTH DINNER, WITH BILL MCKIBBEN First Church in Cambridge, Thursday, April 26 Join Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM) and First Church in welcoming internationally recognized founder of 350.org, Bill McKibben, Thursday, April 26. CMM plans an interfaith worship service, beginning at 5:00 p.m., on the banks of the Charles River (near JFK Street), followed by a walk/bike ride through Harvard Square, and concluding with a "locavore" dinner and address at First Church, at 6:30 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall.

COME TO A TALK BY HOPEWELL GUMBO On Friday, April 27th First Church welcomes directly from Zimbabwe, Hopewell Gumbo, a spokesperson for the Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development. (ZIMCODD) His speaking at First Church is the first stop on a national US tour, sponsored by JubileeUSA. Please come to hear the impact of global debt on nations eager for economic growth and development. Mr. Gumbo is a leading human rights, social and economic justice activist and political analyst. Currently he is Senior Program Officer with ZIMCODD. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a wonderful potluck supper, with the talk beginning at 7:30 p.m. (both are in Margaret Jewett Hall.) Please come, and bring a friend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM April 29 at 12:30 p.m. Consider joining a delegation to Israel/Palestine. Come to hear about the active peace making sponsored by Interfaith Peace Builders when Mike Daly, Program Coordinator, and members of former delegations come to speak to us. IFPB delegations bear witness to the every day violence of war and occupation in Israel-Palestine and learn from those committed to nonviolent struggle, human rights and peace with justice. IFPB then empowers delegates to become forces for change in their own communities. To learn more visit their website at www.interfaithpeacebuilders.org. If you might be interested in going contact Gay Harter at asharter@verizon.net.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PURITAN TO GO ON A "PURITAN ROOTS" TOUR! The Congregational Library is offering a 12-day tour (June 18-20) that traces the path traveled by the Puritans who settled New England -- only in reverse. It begins in Salem, Mass., and winds up in East Anglia, the area northwest of London where many of the Puritans came from. In Old England, the tour includes London, Cambridge, Ipswich and other Puritan sites as well as some fun side trips to places such as the Viking ruins in Sutton Hoo. For more information, go to http://www.ipswichtours.com/east_anglia.html or contact Janet at Olde Ipswich Tours, 978-356-5163.

SMALL GROUP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Our recent 11 a.m. Third-Sunday Jazz Worship received a vibrant reception. Due to the positive response, we are happy to welcome Carolyn Wilkins back to **Morning Worship on Sunday, April 15**. This Sunday is the final Sunday before Peter Sykes returns to the organ console after his successful shoulder surgery. Carolyn will join Louse Munding (both of whom we are grateful to for sharing their musical gifts with us during Peter's absence) for a worship service that will blend aspects of both our traditional Morning Worship and Jazz Vespers services. There will be no evening Jazz Vespers on April 15.

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.

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. Please fill a plate with lunch in Margaret Jewett Hall, and bring it with you to the Hastings Room. **The next Newcomer Session will be Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 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 Family Night continues **every other Tuesday evening, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., in Sage Hall**. Parents and children gather for a simple potluck supper, some active play in the indoor play space, and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. If you have young kids and are looking for an easy weeknight dinner plan with friends, join us! Family Night is a wonderful way for families with children to spend time together outside of the Sunday morning routine. While most families who attend have preschool-aged children, families with older children are welcome as well! The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The next Family Night will be April 17.

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, April 8

Easter Sunday - Christ is Risen!

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Multigenerational Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Easter Fellowship and Refreshments, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Night Song, Sanctuary

Monday, April 9

First Church office closed.

Wednesday, April 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room

Thursday, April 12

- 7:00 a.m. *Havruta* Leaders, Hastings Room
- 6:00 p.m. Transition Team, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Friday, April 13

- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Richard McCann, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Retreat begins, Craigville Conference Center

Sunday, April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (No Christian Formation this week)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Creative Arts (PreK-Grade 8)
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Lunch, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality 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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