



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

May 22, 2016

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY *All Glory Be to God on High* J. S. Bach

*HYMN 218 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

*GREETING Stefanie Haug

L: Come, Holy Spirit!

C: Pour out your power on us, this day.

L: Grant us your wisdom and vision.

C: Give us insight, courage, and strength for the journey,

L: Guide us in your marvelous ways,

**C: That our lips may sing your praise
and our lives may be a testament to you.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT OF CONCERN Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM *Lord, Who Hast Formed Me* Arlen Clarke

Text from the poem entitled "Trinitie Sunday" George Herbert, 1633

*Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through thy bloud,
And sanctifi'd me to do good;*

*Purge all my sinnes done heretofore:
For I confesse my heavie score,
And I will strive to sinne no more.*

*Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charitie;
That I may runne, rise, rest with thee.*

**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 in Cambridge.*

CONFESSING

INVITATION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for pardon, healing, and peace.

C: **Gracious God,
we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 373 *We Are Your People*

All children from Preschool to 7th grade are now invited to leave for church school. Teachers will meet children at the side door or in the narthex to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.

JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS IN COVENANT

INVITATION

Kate Layzer and Karin Case

ADDRESS

PROMISES

*COVENANT OF FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

**All: We who are now brought together
and united into one Church
under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head,
in such sort as becometh all those
whom he hath redeemed and sanctified unto himself,
do solemnly and religiously,
as in His most holy presence,
promise and bind ourselves**

**to walk in all our ways
according to the rule of the Gospel,
and in all sincere conformity
to His holy ordinances
and in mutual love and respect
each to other,
so near as God shall give us grace.**

ADDRESS

WELCOME

L: Friends, let us welcome these new members
and affirm the ministry we share in Jesus Christ.

**All: We welcome you with joy
into the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers.
We will share with you the hope and labor of Christ.
By the power of the Spirit,
we are one family for the glory of God!**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Taj Smith

READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

SERMON

Karin Case

*HYMN 477

God of Grace and God of Glory

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katie Omberg

CALL TO MEETING

Philip LaFollette

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray... (*silence, intercessions, and The 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

Hymn to the Trinity

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

*PENTECOST 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

RITUAL OF LEAVE-TAKING FOR KATIE OMBERG AND TAJ SMITH

*HYMN 352

Go Forth for God

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Ultimate Jude

Paul Sawyer

Praise ye the Lord, above, praise ye the Lord!

Now unto the One who is able to keep you from falling,

and present you faultless before the presence of Glory with exceeding joy!

to the only wise God, our Savior; be glory and majesty,

both now and forever, amen!

VOLUNTARY

We All Believe In One God

J. S. Bach

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 Karin Case, Minister. Assisting with worship are Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach, Katie Omberg, Ministerial Intern, and Taj Smith, Ministerial Intern. Joanne Paul is the Deacon assisting with the joining of new members. Giving the Moment of Concern is Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Our liturgist today is First Church member Stefanie Haug.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED in celebration with recent and soon to be graduates, especially Katie Omberg and Taj Smith, as they look ahead to a new phase of life. Please also pray for Senior Minister Dan Smith and other GBIO leaders as they travel to the White House this Thursday to meet with Valerie Jarrett's staff about the *Do Not Stand Idly By* gun violence prevention campaign. Please also pray for all those affected by the cross-border raid in Ethiopia. We pray for all members of the LGBTQ community who face discrimination, especially those affected by the state laws passed or under deliberation that are debating and dismantling protections for LGBTQ people. Please pray for all refugees and immigrants, for Syrians, and all who live with the threat of escalating violence. Please pray for a spirit of wisdom and understanding in this season of divisive election politics. Please keep in your prayers people struggling with grief, illness, addiction or mental health concerns, job related transitions, marital or relationship troubles, or loneliness.

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

A FAREWELL CONVERSATION WITH KATIE AND TAJ Today at 10:00 a.m. in the Hastings Room Our fabulous ministerial interns, Katie Omberg and Taj Smith, are graduating from their respective Masters of Divinity programs at Boston University School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School. They may not be leaving Boston just yet but their time at First Church is sadly coming to a close. For the past two years they have shared their gifts of preaching, teaching, worship leadership, pastoral care, and more. Don't miss this chance to say farewell and to send Taj and Katie off with our best wishes for their futures, wherever God should lead them next. At 10 a.m. we will have a time of appreciation about what we have learned together over these past two years. We will also celebrate and honor their ministry in morning worship on May 22 with a reception to follow in Margaret Jewett Hall.

FAMILY CHOIR Today, and Sundays June 5 and 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Choir Room The Family Choir will be learning a bluegrass hymn with refreshing new lyrics by Amy Sens, a former First Church member and now minister of a UCC church in Baltimore. All are invited to join the Family Choir; children and adults with any level of musical experience are welcome. The Church School is learning the song in their Chapel Sing time after classes — so, adults, come at 10:00 a.m. to learn it as well! We will offer the song in worship on Children's Sunday, June 12.

FOSTERING RELATIONSHIP/ TELLING OUR STORIES Today at 12:30 p.m., in the Hastings Room Come to an inspiring afternoon of facilitated conversation and shared stories. You will be invited to reflect on your own experience and to listen to other people's stories of how race impacts our daily lives. We hope this will deepen our relationships and our understanding of one another, as well as inform our understanding of why race matters. Lunch will be provided. Led by members of the Building Beloved Community Group. Childcare will be available.

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight at 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary Join us for these contemplative and spiritually transporting candle-lit experiences of choral literature, ancient and contemporary chant, and instrumental music. There is no spoken word, no sermon— just the opportunity to experience the Divine through music, being still, and silent meditation. Tonight: *Vox Equalis* sings music of Bichel, Bourgeois, Durufle, Palestrina and Victoria. *Vox Equalis* is Ruth Berry, Kristina Frances, Pauline Lim, and Cory MacLean

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

FCC GARDEN GROUP FLOWER PLANTING WITH CHURCH SCHOOL Sunday, May 29, 11:20 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come join us for the following work time - no green thumb needed, but experienced gardeners encouraged to join us! On Sunday, May 29 join in on the All Generations Creative Arts Project planting during second part of service. June Margolin and others will be leading this project. Please contact Jim Rissling at jrisslingcls@yahoo.com for more information or Laurie Friedman at laurieannfriedman@gmail.com if you want to be added to our email list.

MEN'S RETREAT June 4-5 We will be having a Men's Retreat in Jaffrey, NH, co-hosted by Marc O'Brien and David Torrey. We will share rides, outdoor activities and meals to refresh the body and the spirit. To sign up and learn more, please email davidtorrey@comcast.net.

PALESTINIAN OLIVE OIL SALE Sunday, June 5 at 12:15 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall Palestinian olive oil will be sold on June 5. The cooperative Canaan Free Trade supports 1600 Palestinian farmers and their families. All products are organic. Apart from providing an income to its farmers, the cooperative provides scholarships for the children of the members, and ongoing educational programs to improve farming practices. Cold pressed, extra virgin olive, chili, lemon, garlic, and basil infused oils will be sold. With the season of fresh vegetables coming soon, the infused oils make an excellent and healthy addition to salads and vegetables. Also, any of the olive oil offerings make excellent hostess gifts, no need to be concerned about whether to take a bottle of white or red wine!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, JUNE 12 We'll celebrate the end of the Church School year with a multigenerational worship service full of gratitude and celebration for our experiences of Christian Formation throughout the year. After worship we'll head to the lawn for the annual All-Church Picnic. Don't miss it!

EARTH STEWARDSHIP NEWS The parsonage made the "Switch" this month to 100% renewable electricity made in New England (wind, solar, and even cow power). You can easily make the "Switch" too, through [MassEnergy.org](https://www.massenergy.org). Another action you can take, as asked by the MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action is to call your legislator with these points regarding the House Omnibus Energy Bill: 1) commit the state to 2000 megawatts of offshore wind energy; 2) no pipeline tax on consumers; 3) raise the solar cap and restore reasonable net metering and reimbursement rates for low-income and community solar. (Links are to: <https://www.massenergy.org/> and <http://www.massinterfaithcoalition.org/what-we-do/>).

FRIDAY CAFÉ WISH LIST The Friday Café is currently accepting donations of:

- *Used clothing:* men's and women's pants (L & XL preferred), large unisex shirts, sturdy shoes in good condition
- *White socks* (new only, please)
- *Underwear* (men's and women's, M-XL, new only)
- *Foot powder and sunscreen*

Supplies may be handed to Kate Layzer at church or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for supporting homeless neighbors!

"MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING June 17 - 18, 2016 University of Massachusetts, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA *"Boldness" to Characterize the 217th Annual Meeting!* The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to gather around God's immense table of grace, to spend some time in a season of discernment concerning our future. It is a time when bold new initiatives are presented, worship is creative and uplifting, networking is possible at every turn, new ideas are introduced, and the people and ministries of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC shine with the boldness, the cheekiness, the impudence of the audacious good news of Jesus the Christ. Come celebrate, worship and be joyful together as the Body of Christ! If you are interested in representing First Church and attending the annual meeting as one of our delegates, please contact Joanne Paul at jpaulandscape@aol.com.

*The bulletin cover image is from a series of tile mosaics designed by Perry Neubauer and created by the children of the church in 2007.
You can view the artwork in Margaret Jewett Hall.*

Call to Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Congregational Meeting of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, United Church of Christ will be held in its 381st year at 12:15 P.M. Sunday the 5th of June, 2016, in the Margaret Jewett Hall on Garden Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the following purpose.

To consider and vote on a motion to authorize payment to Robert Olson and Associates Architects for a detailed design of the interior improvements, landscape improvements, and exterior preservation associated with the church's 2016 Capital Campaign, "For Such a Time As This."

No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of the Executive Council,

Philip LaFollette, Clerk
Cambridge, Massachusetts
May 15, 2016

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. A Conversation with Taj and Katie, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Joining Sunday, Karin Case, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School Classes
- 12:15 p.m. Reception in honor of Taj Smith and Katie Omberg, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Fostering Relationship / Telling Our Stories, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. Christian Formation Committee Meeting, Choir Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

Monday, May 23

- 7:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Hastings Room

Tuesday, May 24

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall
- 7:00 p.m. GBIO Delegates Assembly, Old South Church, Boston

Wednesday, May 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office

Friday, May 27

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Sunday, May 29

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Creative Arts (Flower Planting)
- 12:30 p.m. Poetry Workshop with Jean Dany Joachim and Dave McCann, Hastings Room
- 1:30 p.m. Affordable Housing Team, Hastings Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

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