



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

May 29, 2016

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*GREETING

Emily Carduff

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

ANTHEM

O Hail This Joyful Day

Christopher Tye

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.**

**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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prevent Us, O Lord

C. Hubert H. Parry

*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

*HYMN 232

Send Down Your Truth, O 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

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 Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach. Daryl Bichel, Director of Night Song, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Our liturgist today is First Church member Emily Carduff.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED this Memorial Day weekend for the family and friends of those who gave their life while serving in the armed forces, may they find peace in cherished memories. 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

FAITH-BASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TEAM MEETING Today at 1:30 p.m., Hastings Room Join with members of First Church in Cambridge and other local congregations as we continue to map out a research plan to help us better understand and act upon our city's affordable housing crisis. We will spend time building relationships and building this new multi-congregation team. We will share stories about how the lack of affordable housing is impacting our lives and neighborhoods. We will also engage in some shared learning from local experts and start developing a strategy for ongoing research and action. The meeting will be held at 1:30 pm in the Hastings Room.

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: Gregorian chant from the Liber Usualis, Psalm 31 set by Patricia Van Ness, Tritone plainchant setting for compline by Daryl Bichel, and Motets by Guerrero and Morales. Jennifer Lester and Katie Yosua, soprano. Alison Larose Montez and Michael Terranova, alto. Jason Connell, tenor. Daryl Bichel, bass.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

OUR CHANGING FIRST CHURCH COMMUNITY Sundays, June 5 and 10 at 10 a.m., in the Hastings Room During these two 10 o'clock hours we will take some time to reflect on the very full program year that is coming to a close and also to take a longer view of our ever-changing First Church community. Please join us on June 5 for a time of theological reflection and conversation on past and present changes to our building, our leadership and our congregation. On June 12, we will take some special time to share appreciations of long time First Church leaders, Gay and Dick Harter, who are preparing to move this summer after over 50 years in Cambridge and at First Church.

FAMILY CHOIR 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.

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!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Sunday, June 5 Pick up a few items for the folks at Rindge Towers who are in need, and remember: nothing outdated, open, or in glass will be accepted.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC 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!

TEACH CHURCH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR Looking for a way to deepen your faith and your connection to First Church? Consider joining the Church School as a teacher or Youth Group leader. We have a thriving Christian Formation program for children and youth that is very successful because of the time and talent of our volunteer teachers. We are seeking adults to join teaching teams at all levels, from preschool to high school. If you would like to learn more about this important opportunity, please speak with Sarah Higginbotham.

COVENANT MEALS COORDINATOR? If you would like to be the next organizer of these delightful events, contact Hilary Hopkins at 617-491-8369 or hopkinsjh@verizon.net. I have a nicely organized setup ready to go for you! The coordinator recruits hosts and communicates with the congregation to invite participation,

KARIN CASE WILL BE AWAY THIS SUMMER! Karin's Minister position is $\frac{3}{4}$ time. She works full time from September through mid-June (our program year) and is away during the summer months. Her last Sunday in worship with us will be June 12 and she will return on Sunday August 28. Dan Smith will be on call for any pastoral concerns over the summer months. Karin will be away from e-mail much of the summer and will access her church-related email when she returns that last week of August. She wishes you a wonderful summer!

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. 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.

BOSTON PRIDE is SATURDAY JUNE 11TH!

Join First Church and march with other “Open and Affirming” UCC churches in celebrating the 46th Boston Pride! PRIDE is a joyous opportunity to express the extravagant, inclusive love of God for all people, of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. If you’d like to march; we’ll meet on Boylston Street between 11:00 and 11:30 Saturday morning June 11th. The parade begins at noon rain or shine!

Contact Jim Rissling, james.rissling@gmail.com, or Barb Hume, bjhumenp@aol.com, for more information or to let us know you’re coming. When we learn more details from the parade organizers, we’ll let you know the exact location on Boylston Street where our group will meet. Look for updates and more opportunities to participate in the bulletins and on our website.

The theme of the 2016 Boston Pride celebration is: Solidarity Through Pride

“Our theme for 2016, Solidarity Through Pride, recognizes the intersectionality of identities within our very diverse community and the call for solidarity and support among all parts of our community. The theme also reminds the community and beyond that they need to stay unified to gain equality for all, beyond marriage, to fight the epidemic of violence against trans women of color, eliminate trans- and bi-phobia, racism, anti-Semitism and to ensure the protection of our youth,” -Boston Pride President Sylvain Bruni.

Please visit Boston Pride's website for more information about this year's pride celebration and events: <http://www.bostonpride.org/>

Opportunities to worship together:

Pride Morning Worship

Pride Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.
Old South Church (645 Boylston St, Boston, MA),
<http://www.oldsouth.org/events/pride-morning-worship-1>

Pride Interfaith Service: 10:00 a.m.
Union United Methodist Church
(485 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA)
<http://www.prideinterfaith.org/>

Gay Pride Service: 11:00 a.m.
at Arlington Street Church (351 Boylston St, Boston, MA),
<http://www.ascboston.org/>

PLEASE JOIN US AND SPREAD THE WORD!

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 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)
- 1:30 p.m. Affordable Housing Team, Hastings Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Monday, May 30

First Church office and building closed in observance of Memorial day

Wednesday, June 1

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Planning Retreat, Parsonage
- 4:00 p.m. Building Beloved Community, Dan Smith's office

Friday, June 3

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)

Sunday, June 5

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Holy Communion, Karin Case, preaching
(A time for healing prayer offered immediately following the service)
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Outdoor Church Offering
- 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group, Meet in Lobby
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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