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**IN CAMBRIDGE**

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Garden and Mason Streets

Cambridge, Massachusetts



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**381 YEARS**  
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## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

*Grounded in God  
Growing in Community  
Acting in Love*

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](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org)**.

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.  
Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

*New to First Church in Cambridge?  
Please take the time to fill out one of the pew cards  
and place it in the offering basket during the service.  
Name tags are available at both the front and back entrances of the sanctuary.*

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.

*Would you like to give to First Church in Cambridge? Here are easy ways to do it:*

*Give by Text:*

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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Sunday, May 28, 2017  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*Plein Jeu*

Pierre du Mage

\*HYMN 353

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

\*GREETING

Jean Horstman

L: Grace and peace to you, dear friends.

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

L: Christ has risen, a new dawn revealed.

**C: Christ is risen, risen indeed!**

L: Rejoice and be glad!

**C: Hallelujah! All praise and honor to God.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

*Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional

CONFESSING

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: Holy One, in the light of your glory**

**we see the harm we have done,**

**the suffering we have caused,**

**the good we have refused,**

**and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us, we pray.**

**Wash us in your mercy,**

**and feed us with your grace,**

**so that we may follow in your way**

**and tell the good news of the gospel.**

**Amen.**

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

## \*HYMN 403

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## INVITATION

Dan Smith

## ADDRESS

## BAPTISMAL VOWS

## \*THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

- L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone  
who desires new life  
into the faith and family of Christ.  
Do you who witness this sacrament  
promise these children your love, support and care?
- C: We do!**
- L: Will you help them grow in faith  
and witness with them to the love and mercy of Christ?
- C: We will, with the help of God!**
- L: Do you renew your own promises  
to live in the freedom of Christ, and resist the power of evil?
- C: We do, with the help of God!**

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISMS OF Kaden James Wilson, Luca Manuel Wilson, John Spyros Hildebidle, and George Nicholas Hildebidle

## \*BLESSING

- L: Let us ask God for a blessing!
- All: Holy God, Creator of us all,  
give to these children strength for life's journey,  
courage in the time of trial,  
the joy of faith, the freedom of love,**

**and the comfort of everlasting life.  
And may the grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all forevermore. Amen.**

*All children from preschool to 6th grade are now invited to leave for this month's creative arts project. The entire Church School is gathering on the side lawn to plant flowers for the season. Parents can meet their children on the outdoor playground after worship.*

### OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Kate Layzer

READING

Acts 1:6-14

READING

Acts 17:22-34

SERMON

Denson Staples

\*HYMN 380

*We Are Not Our Own*

### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: Our Creator, 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

*Confirm In Us*

Jacob Handl

\*EASTER DOXOLOGY

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

\*HYMN 500

*O for a World*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Choral Benediction and Amen*

J. M. Howland

VOLUNTARY

*Duo sur les Tierces*

Pierre du Mage

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### Preaching

Denson Staples, Ministerial Intern

### Playing Organ and Directing Choir

Peter Sykes, Director of Music

### Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach

### Baptisms

Kaden James Wilson

Luca Manuel Wilson

John Spyros Hildebidle

George Nicholas Hildebidle

### Liturgist

Jean Horstman, First Church Member

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For all those affected by the deadly attack at the Manchester Arena in England.
- For all those who serve in the armed forces and their families, and for all those whose lives have been lost in that service, whom we remember this Memorial Day weekend.
- For all who have fled their home countries as a result of war and terrorism, and for clarity in responding to immigration crises around the world.
- For neighbors facing extreme famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, and Nigeria.
- For all political leaders, including our current administration, that they may know God's spirit of wisdom and justice in these troubling times.
- For ourselves, that we may open our hearts and minds to all those we disagree with or don't understand, and find the grace to listen, connect, and join together in our common humanity.

*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](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or by calling 617-547-2724.*

## **A SPACE BETWEEN**

We have introduced a place for healing prayers. A space between is...  
*A space between us and God, a space between us and each other.*  
*A space between the world as it is and the world as it should be,*  
*a space for silence and centering, a space for prayer and meditation.*

### **A PRAYER FOR IMMIGRANTS**

God of love, God of mercy and God of liberation,  
bless this movement for immigrants  
to gain the dignity that all people deserve.

We pray for the more than two million families  
who have recently been deported  
and whose families have been separated.

Today we pray for relief from deportation  
for more than five million immigrants  
through deferred action legislation.

We pray that our Supreme Court Justices  
might take the side of compassion and allow this  
much-needed program to move forward.

We know they are the highest court in the land,  
but we look to a higher court and a higher law,  
one where we understand that loving one another  
and welcoming one another into God's family  
is of the utmost importance  
and we pray to keep these families together. Amen.



## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

**BAPTISM SUNDAY** Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism during Worship. If you are interested in planning a baptism for yourself or a child, and have not already spoken with one of the ministers or scheduled a date, please contact Rev. Dan Smith to discuss the possibility of participating in a future baptism Sunday.

**FAREWELL TO DENSON STAPLES** Today is our ministerial intern Denson Staples's last Sunday with us. Please join us after church for a cake reception and an opportunity to celebrate and to thank him for sharing his many gifts with us throughout this past year.

**HONORING OUR SPACES Today, 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** We will gather in the Hastings Room for a time of sharing and reflection and honoring our current spaces before they undergo a substantial transformation that will begin on June 5. Please come and help us say and pray a heartfelt farewell to the spaces that have served generations of First Church members so well for so many years.

**NIGHT SONG, SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary** Spend some time at the end of the day nourishing your soul at Night Song. Vox Equalis (treble voices) and Daryl Bichel offer ancient and contemporary chant and improvisation by candlelight, providing space for contemplation and prayer.

## FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**PENTECOST GROUNDBREAKING AND BLESSING OF OUR BUILDING, Sunday, June 4, 11:00 a.m.** On Sunday, June 4, First Church will host a special Pentecost Worship and Celebration inviting the Spirit's blessing over our ever-changing First Church building! There will be time to honor, share memories, and say farewell to our current spaces, such as the Hastings Room, the MJH stage, and our tiny kitchen. We will also share in joyful anticipation of the new spaces and ministries that we are building – for such a time as this. Our contractor expects to break ground the following day, June 5. Their work will continue through September.

There will be a recessional onto the front lawn for Benediction, blessing, and moment of recognition with contractors. Children will be given hard hats and will be invited to “dig in.” After this brief moment, it's informal picnic time on the lawn with free play on the playground.

In addition to our collective celebration and after-church picnic on June 4, we invite you to find time on your own to remember and pray with gratitude for our beloved building, for all that it has held and for all that is to come.

**FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING: Donations due on Sunday, June 4!** Remember to put pantry items on your shopping list and bring them as usual on the First Sunday of the Month, June 4. Please no pork or alcohol ingredients, and remember to check expiration dates. Veggies, rice, oil, and breakfast items are needed. Thank you from our partners, the Islamic Society of Boston.

**CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION presents “REFUGEES, TRAUMA, AND THE MIGRATION PROCESS: A Talk by Dr. Michael Grodin” Sunday, June 4, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** On June 4, Dr. Michael Grodin, Boston University Professor of Health Law, Policy & Management and founder of the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights, will give a talk exploring the role of trauma in the migration process. Dr. Grodin will provide an overview of the medical and psychological issues faced by immigrants and refugees, and he will share his insights from years of providing compassionate medical care for Holocaust survivors, Tibetan torture survivors, and others. Dr. Grodin’s talk is sponsored by the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC), of which First Church is a founding member. This event is one in a series of opportunities for CISC volunteers can gather and meet one another while learning more about the many issues impacting the sanctuary movement. Please contact Kristina King, CISC member from University Lutheran Church, at [kingkristina4@gmail.com](mailto:kingkristina4@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

**2017 MEN’S RETREAT, June 10, 11** Men of First Church are invited to the 2017 Men’s Retreat to be held June 10–11. As in past years we will carpool on Saturday morning, June 10, for the 90-minute drive to historic Jaffrey, New Hampshire, for recreation and fellowship hosted by Marc O’Brien and David Torrey. We will return on Sunday morning, June 11. For more information, and to sign up for the retreat, send an email to [davidtorrey@comcast.net](mailto:davidtorrey@comcast.net).

**BOSTON PRIDE PARADE, SATURDAY, June 10, 11 a.m.** Join First Church and march with other “Open and Affirming” UCC churches in celebrating the 47th 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 would like to march; we’ll meet on Boylston Street between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning June 10th. The parade begins at noon rain or shine! Contact Jim Rissling, [james.rissling@gmail.com](mailto:james.rissling@gmail.com) or Karin Case: [karincase@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:karincase@firstchurchcambridge.org) 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 Sunday bulletin, via *First Glance* (our weekly Friday email) and on our website, <http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/> For more information on Boston Pride events, visit, <http://www.bostonpride.org/>. For more information on Open and Affirming congregations in the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, visit <http://www.macucc.org/lgbt>.

**JUNETEENTH MORNING WORSHIP Sunday, June 18** Our Morning Worship on June 18 will lift up the themes of freedom and liberation, with a special focus on “Juneteenth,” commemorating the abolition of slavery. The service will feature poetry, readings, and special music, and will include a public reading of names and a commemoration of all the enslaved persons associated with First Church over the years. Worship with us, as we lift our hearts in this service of acknowledgment and commemoration.

## **SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**PIES FOR THE FRIDAY CAFÉ** This Friday, June 2, will be the last Friday Café of the season, and we are celebrating with hot dogs and all kinds of PIE! Can you help? Sign up to bake or buy us a pie at [mealtrain.com/k91yn0](http://mealtrain.com/k91yn0). Thank you!

**SOLUTIONS AT WORK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS NOW!** We need help to sort and shelve clothing donations. Based in Cambridge, Solutions at Work helps adults bridge out of homelessness by providing them with three full outfits suitable for interviews or work. Our Children’s Clothing Exchange allows families to exchange outgrown children’s clothing for sizes they need. As the only facility of its kind, the Children’s Clothing Exchange serves families from all over Greater Boston. Whether you can help once or regularly, we’d like to meet you. You will be helping participants look their best, by advising them on their ensembles. Solutions at Work is located in Cambridge at 391 Evereteze Way, just off Cambridge Street, in the Roosevelt Towers Public Housing Complex. For more information, contact Alice Kidder at [flintkiddr@aol.com](mailto:flintkiddr@aol.com) 617 276-6227 or Marian Smith at [msmith829@gmail.com](mailto:msmith829@gmail.com).

**CALLING CARPENTERS AND THOSE WITH CARPENTRY SKILLS Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** Boston Clergy and Laity for Affordable Housing invites interested persons to join volunteers from Fellowship Christian Church, Hyde Park, and Dover Church (UCC) on June 3, to rehabilitate inner city homes in need of repair. Tasks include installing kitchen cabinets and flooring, converting an attic to a bedroom, and repairing failing porches. Refer friends, please. Skilled construction managers will guide the projects; tools can be provided, if requested. Future projects are planned as well. For information and to sign up, call Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 or email at: [flintkiddr@aol.com](mailto:flintkiddr@aol.com).

**MICRO-AGGRESSIONS WORKSHOP- SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Sanctuary** Come learn about micro-aggressions and explore how First Church can become an even more welcoming space for all. Micro-aggressions are those usually unintentional slights to another person, based on that person’s identity. Learn more about how to recognize micro-aggressions, what to do when you perpetrate one, when you witness one, or when you experience one. We will have opportunities to learn through story-telling, role playing, and sharing our experiences. Facilitated

by Katie Omberg, Alice, Kidder, and guest, Hajar Logan from the Islamic Society of Boston. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Katie Omberg, [katie.omberg@gmail.com](mailto:katie.omberg@gmail.com).

**UNION BAPTIST'S JUNETEENTH CONCERT Saturday, June 17, 4:00 p.m., Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 838 Mass Avenue** Performers include: Ms. Donna McElroy, a Grammy-nominated producer/arranger and former member of the Berklee faculty; Ms. Nedelka Prescod, a vocalist, songwriter, choral director and Assistant Professor at the Berklee School of Music; and Denis Montgomery, an Assistant Professor of Music at Berklee and director of Berklee's Reverence Gospel Choir and other gospel ensembles.

**BETHEL TABERNACLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL Saturday, June 24, 8:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Weeks, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church's pastor, has asked First Church to provide volunteers for their Children's Carnival on Saturday, June 24. They would like adults, with or without children along, to help supervise games and monitor the lunch hour. The carnival is lots of fun, with a bouncy house, pony rides, lots of free food, and plenty of entertainment. Carpools will leave First Church at 8:30 AM. We will return home after 3 PM. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alice Kidder at (617) 276-6227 or [flintkiddr@aol.com](mailto:flintkiddr@aol.com)

## THE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

Famine has officially been declared in South Sudan and, for the first time in recent history, there is a very real possibility of four famines - in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Yemen - breaking out all at once. Twenty million people face starvation within the next six months. International aid officials warn that this is one of the biggest humanitarian disasters since World War II. Increased investment in international humanitarian assistance at this moment is critical to assist these people in crisis. Continued funding for peacebuilding programs that prevent violent conflict are also critical to addressing root causes of poverty and famine.

To address the current famine, the global humanitarian community is ready to scale up the response to avert a catastrophe, but requires additional funds immediately to do so. Let's do our part through our prayers, generous contributions, and advocacy with the U.S. government to release emergency funding to meet the catastrophic needs of these four countries and support robust funding for diplomatic, development, and peacebuilding tools, which are critical to our security, and to the well-being of others around the world. We must act now, before it is too late.

**Our Response** Make checks payable to United Church of Christ with memo note: "International Emergency Relief Fund – East Africa Famine". Mail to: United Church of Christ, Financial Services Office, 700 Prospect Ave. E., Cleveland, OH 44115.

Trusted, on-the-ground partnerships enable the church around the world to get food resources directly to the people who need them. UCC Disaster Ministries already has sent \$85,000 generated through the 2017 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering funds to the ecumenical ACT Alliance and IMA World Health for famine relief. Support provided to ACT Alliance means food, nutrition supplements, safe water, sanitation, fast-maturing seeds, farming tools, and support to keep pupils and teachers in school. Through IMA World Health we deploy mobile clinics, therapeutic feeding and medicines, and are supporting partners like Sudan Medical Care.

**Advocate!** Call your members of Congress today and ask them to save lives in these four countries by maintaining robust foreign assistance funding in the 2018 budget, Thank you in advance for your help in staving off famine.

—*The Mission and Social Justice Committee*



## **GOOD NEWS! First Church Capital Campaign Receives \$50,000 Challenge Grant**

A member of First Church in Cambridge, inspired by the mission and vision of our capital campaign, has issued a challenge.

**This donor will match all new gifts and all new pledges made between now and June 30, 2017, up to a total of \$50,000.**

In response to this bold challenge, we respectfully invite you to consider:

- making a capital campaign pledge, if you have not done so,
- increasing your current pledge, or
- making a one-time or additional gift—*for such a time as this*.

Your gift, large or small, will bring First Church close to meeting—or even exceeding — our goal of \$1.9 million in individual contributions. We are pleased to report that to date, members and friends of First Church have now pledged **\$1,828,913, plus \$41,795 in matching funds so far!** Groundbreaking is set for June 4. This challenge could not be more timely.

Please give prayerful consideration to doing your part to meet this challenge. You may fill in a response card, put it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, pledge online. Or speak to any member of the Appeal Advisory Team. We are deeply grateful to you, to the generous anonymous donor of this challenge, and to the One who inspires us all.

In love and faith,

Leslie Pelton-Cairns & Joanne Paul, co-chairs, Appeal Advisory Team

Moana Bentin, Rev. Karin Case, Don Johnson, Nathan Jones,  
Rev. Kate Layzer, Ann McCann, Lindsay Miller and Rev. Dan Smith

## Capital Campaign: Events and Updates

**for such a time as this grants: LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE JUNE 15** A core commitment of the capital campaign has been that a tithe—10% of the funds raised—will go to support mission grants. This spring, the *for such a time as this grants* committee will begin soliciting proposals for projects that will extend First Church's mission into the wider community. We will look to our members to find promising projects both within our community and beyond our own walls. Information on the grants program is posted on the church website, and grants committee co-chairs Caitlin Anderson and Leslie Pelton-Cairns are available for questions. The first step in submitting a proposal is to submit a brief letter of intent, due June 15, 2017. Applicants will have approximately another month to complete the remainder of the proposal.

**WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION** The capital campaign renovations are scheduled to start on June 5 and continue through early October. The busiest months will be July and August, and in September the contractors will be involved mostly in finishing work.

- **Tree Removal in Preparation of Capital Campaign Renovations** Not only will the church building look quite different in October, but our outdoor space is getting quite the makeover as well. We will have a new pathway, an enclosed playground, new plantings, and more. In preparation for this work, the trees and bushes right in front of the bike rack will be removed on May 30. Our longtime arborist Trumbull Barrett and his team have been hired to perform this task and as usual they are approaching the project with care. The removal should be complete in one day. If you have any questions, please contact Don Johnson or Kirsten Manville.
- **Newtown School and Outside Events** Newtowne School is not holding its summer program, and the building has not been booked for any outside events. Because of this we have decided it makes sense to close the building each weekday in the late afternoon, and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August. On Sundays the building will be open its usual hours, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and we will hold both our morning worship and Night Song services.
- **Access to the Building** There will always be access to the building when it is open. Entrance and exit points may change depending upon which area of the building is being worked on, and some areas of the building may be off-limits at certain points in time. The construction will be loud and noisy, and staff are currently thinking through what we can all do to make our environments as conducive to working as possible. This may include working off-site at times.

As with most construction projects things can change unexpectedly. However, we are doing such careful planning with our contractor we hope this will happen rarely, if at all. If it does, we will communicate these changes to you in a timely manner. And please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming renovations.

# More Hymnals for First Church

We first got “Hymns of Truth and Light” in 2002. For some of us, that seems like yesterday – for others, we’ve had this hymnal forever. Either way, at this point in time we need to order some more copies to offset “natural attrition.”

Which gives us an opportunity. If you’ve always wanted to have a hymnal to play or sing from at home, or if you would like to donate a hymnal in memory or celebration of a loved one, now’s your chance – for only \$25 each.

Please fill out the form below with your order and/or contribution.

- Peter Sykes

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase a hymnal for home use.

I would like to donate a hymnal for church use in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate a hymnal for church use in celebration of:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would just like to make a donation towards the purchase of new hymnals for the church.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check enclosed.

I will pay online:

[www.firstchurchcambridge.org/community-resources/make-a-payment](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/community-resources/make-a-payment)



## *Church School Seeking Volunteer Teachers for the 2017-2018 Program Year*

Are you are searching for a way to connect to First Church in Cambridge that will have an impact not just on your spiritual journey, but also on the formation of our children? Consider volunteering to teach Church School.

**WHEN:** Beginning in October and running through May, we will have six classes from preschool to 7th grade, plus a Confirmation Class and the Youth Group.

**HOW OFTEN:** The commitment entails one to two Sundays per month, an orientation, and four teacher meetings over the course of the program year.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** All new volunteers will find themselves on a teaching team with an experienced teacher anchoring the group. A day of orientation to Godly Play will take place in August, while other curricula (Middler Book & Bible Study, Bible 101) will be introduced in September orientation meetings.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact Sarah Higginbotham at: [shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)



The Music Ministry of Union Baptist Church, Cambridge presents

# A Concert of Black Sacred Music: From Slavery to Freedom

## A Juneteenth Commeration

The concert is a commemoration of Juneteenth, June 19, 1865, the day of the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas and the emancipation. We honor the spirit of perseverance, resistance, and faith that has brought the African American community thus far.

Featuring three distinguished artists from  
the faculty of Berklee College of Music



Donna McElroy

Sat. June 17, 2017 @ 4pm

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
838 Massachusetts Ave  
Cambridge, MA 02139

**Free Event**

Donations Appreciated



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For More Information: [consciousuprising2008@gmail.com](mailto:consciousuprising2008@gmail.com)

## The Week Ahead

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Honoring our Spaces, Gather in Hastings Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism, Denson Staples, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Creative Arts - Flower-Planting
- 12:15 p.m. Cake Reception for Denson Staples, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Honoring Our Spaces, Gather in Hastings Room
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 29: Building Closed for Memorial Day

### Wednesday, May 31

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

### Thursday, June 1

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

### Friday, June 2

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café Season Finale, MJH

### Sunday, Pentecost, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Worship, Multigenerational Holy Communion, Groundbreaking Celebration, Dan Smith, preaching, *A time for healing prayer* offered immediately following the service
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Outdoor Church Offering
- 12:30 p.m. All-Church Groundbreaking and Picnic, Church Lawn
- 1:00 p.m. Our Whole Lives, final session and celebration, Old South Church
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Year End BBQ, Parsonage
- 6:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition Event: Refugees, Trauma and the Migration Process, a talk by Dr. Michael Grodin, MJH
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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