



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

June 10, 2012

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY

Veni Creator

Nicolas de Grigny

*HYMN 5

O Be Joyful in Our God!

*GREETING

Olivia Sainsbury, Godly Play 1

L: All children of God, welcome to this household of love!

C: Old and young, tall and small, welcome to this household of peace!

L: People of all colors and cultures, welcome to this household of blessing!

C: Welcome everyone, to this place of song and story, of joy and glory!

L: Welcome and sing praise, even now, to God from whom all blessings flow.

*HYMN 309

Little Children, Welcome

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Thomson

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Maggie LaMaster, Seasons of the Spirit

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: God of forgiveness and love,
Teach us the story you have for us, even now.
And make us ready to share our stories.
Give us confidence that our stories matter too,
and give us love to be better listeners
to ourselves, to one another, and to you! Amen**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

**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.*

*HYMN 40

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

(Children are invited to come sit in the front and teachers to come forward to the chancel during the final verse of the hymn.)

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

BAPTISM OF BENJAMIN NICHOLAS LOCKWOOD

INVITATION

Dan Smith

ADDRESS

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

Terry McKinney

L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone
who desires new life
into the faith and family of Christ.
Do you who witness this sacrament
promise this child your love, support and care?

C: We do!

L: Will you help him grow in faith
and witness with him to the love and mercy of Christ?

C: We will, with the help of God!

BLESSING OF THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*FINAL BLESSING

L: Please rise if you are able.
Sisters and brothers, let us ask God for a blessing!

**All: Holy God, Creator of us all,
give to this child 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.**

PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Hannah Stuart, Seasons of the Spirit

READING

Matthew 13: 10-17 from The Message

GOSPEL PLAY

“Who is Jesus?”

Bible 101 Class

*HYMN 360

I Love to Tell the Story

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND TO PRAYER

SILENCE

OFFERTORY

Lord, You Have Blessed Us (Hymn 392)

arr. Peter Sykes

*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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*HYMN C-13

Christ, We Meet You On Our Way

*(Members of the Pastoral Care Teams are invited
to come forward during the final verse of the hymn.)*

*PASTORAL CARE TEAM BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Caroline Williams

*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.*

2011-2012 Church School Teachers

Godly Play 1

Deb Cunningham
Theresa Hajer
Amy Matias
John Matias
Dave McCann
Anne McCormick
Nora Willcutts

Godly Play 2

Chris Blanc
Mary Robinson
Joanne Paul
Johanna Wendelin

Bible 101

Stephanie Paulsell
Jim Stewart
Laurie Williams

Seasons of the Spirit

Dick Harter
Steve LaMaster
Sunessa Schettler
Marian Smith

Godly Play Trainer

Susie Longfield

2011-2012 Pastoral Care Team

Pam Pacelli and Poppy Coffin, Captains

Audrey Bellinger
Jean Bellow
Laurie Burt
Elizabeth Carpino
Rob Cooper
Nancy Curtin
Devin Hansen
Stefanie Haug
Andra Hibbert
Hui-Hui Hu
Barbara Hume
Kate Judd
Alice Kidder
Stephanie Krokidas
Beth Loomis

Maggie Lowe
Kerry Maloney
Ann McCann
Liza Molina
Perry Neubauer
Susie Neubauer
Sally O'Brien
Joanne Paul
Flavia Graf Reardon
Jim Rissling
Deejay Robinson
Earl Shaw
Jenny Stuart
David Torrey
Annika Walbert
Carolyn White
Karen Anne Zee

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, toddlers and preschoolers 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.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY ARE Dan Smith, Senior Minister, Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts, and children of First Church in Cambridge. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, 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 or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, TODAY! We will mark the end of the church school year in today's morning worship. Children from our Godly Play, Bible 101, and Seasons of the Spirit classes will lead parts of the liturgy, including a creative way of experiencing prayer as a community. There will be a moment of thanksgiving for the work of our church school teachers, as well. And following worship, come gather across the street on the Cambridge Common for a church picnic and the Second Annual All-Ages Kickball Game. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets and a dessert or savory snack to share, and celebrate the beginning of summer with your church family!

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS CELEBRATION Are you a current member of a pastoral care team? Have you been on a team before? Are you interested in joining one and want to find out more? It's time to celebrate! Join us in the Hastings Room at today 10 a.m. as we lift up and honor the work the teams do, evaluate what the year has been like, look to the future, and answer questions prospective members might have. Goodies (both sweet and savory) will be served. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Terry McKinney at temckinney@msn.com.

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).

WEBSITE UPDATE Hopefully, by now you have all checked out our new website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org. Feedback has been very positive, and thanks to those of you who have made comments and suggestions. We are far from finished, however! New content is being added, including events, audio, and Take Action! items. We are working on designing a 'members only' section so members (and regulars who aren't members) can access a parish directory and manage their own contact info and photos. And, in the meantime, please contact our webmaster, Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org), with any questions or concerns. If you have an event to add to the calendar, please contact Amy Click (aclick@firstchurchcambridge.org).

TEACH IN THE 2012-13 CHURCH SCHOOL Are you seeking a meaningful way to connect with First Church members of all ages? Could you imagine that your faith journey might be enriched by sharing your experience with the children or youth of the church? If so, please consider whether you feel called to join the Church School next year. Teachers work in teams of three or four to lead classes in Godly Play or Seasons of the Spirit. Others will act as adult mentors for our newly-forming Youth Group (grades 8-12) as they pursue fun and interesting activities. The commitment generally includes two Sunday mornings per month, plus four teacher training meetings over the year. Youth Group leaders will likely need to volunteer other weekend hours, but might be free most Sunday mornings. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham for more details or to sign up.

GBIO HEALTH CARE WEBINAR - SAVE THE DATE! On Thursday, June 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Parsonage, we'll be hosting the second Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) webinar on health care cost containment. This version, "Why Provider Incentives Matter," will use role playing (a "typical" physician visit) to show how different approaches to paying doctors lead doctors to change the ways they practice. This should give us all a better idea of how some of the high-level policy proposals to contain costs actually work at the doctor/patient level. There will be opportunity to ask the presenters questions and have a discussion afterward. Hope you can come! Questions? Contact Dave Kidder (617-924-7236; flintkiddr@aol.com).

THOMAS KEATING CENTERING PRAYER COURSE 4TH SESSION OF INTRODUCTION TO "CENTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD" Sunday June 24, 12:30 PM, Hastings Room & Summer Plans for Viewing Full Course Given continued interest in more viewing and discussion of some highlights of the course, a 4th session will be held after services, Sunday, June 24. *For those interested in viewing the full course:* For at 4-6 Sundays beginning Sunday July 1st, we will begin showing the full course in segments, with time for comments & discussion. The showings will begin around 11:15-11:30, after 10 a.m. services, in the Hastings Room. It must be emphasized that anyone who participates need not feel obligated to attend all or even most of the scheduled viewings. Each segment stands alone & is readily accessible to anyone who has attended one of the 4 introductory sessions we're providing. Appreciation to Dan, Terry and all participants for your assistance and encouragement!

LANDSCAPING PROJECTS AT FIRST CHURCH This summer, the church is undergoing several improvements to our grounds. We are replacing the fence and gate, putting in a new walkway with a more accessible grade, improving drainage, and bringing in fresh loam to level off the front yard closest to Garden Street. In addition, we had to remove several diseased trees near the sanctuary entryway. Many have remarked on how open and inviting the entrance now looks, and we plan on refinishing the doors as well to further emphasize our Open Door. We have an opportunity to select what is planted by the front doors. If you would like to designate a particular planting in memory of someone special, please contact Rich Goode (rgoode99@comcast.net) to discuss this. Otherwise, Buildings & Grounds will select the most appropriate plantings to complement our refreshed exterior look. Thanks for your patience as we complete these projects over the summer.

COOKIES FOR COFFEE HOUR ALERT Janet Lyman will shortly be resuming her former role soliciting cookies for Coffee Hour, phoning from her nursing home setting in Brookline. Please continue to respond to calls for cookies as you are able. Your caller ID will indicate a call from Brookline. When you receive a message from Janet, be sure to use the number she left in her message.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL FALL FAMILY RETREAT Families of all ages and sizes are invited to join us on the third annual Fall Family Retreat at Craigville Conference Center on October 13-14, 2012. Spend 24 hours on the Cape with your church friends - we'll play, sing, eat, worship, laugh, and pray together. If you know you're in, please email Sarah Higginbotham, so she can coordinate housing needs with Craigville. More details to come in September.

SOUTH AFRICAN FIRST CHURCH FRIEND DON SHAY needs a place to stay during his upcoming visit, June 23-30— for nights of 23-24 and the 29th. Don and his wife Suellen were an active part of this community last year when in town for a year-long program. Please contact Don directly via email at dons Shay@mweb.co.za if you can offer a space, or even if you could use a house sitter for that week.

ORGANIC VEGETABLES FROM ROCKVILLE MARKET FARM! Now's the time to sign-up for a farm share from Rockville Market Farm. Sign-up at <http://rockvillemarketfarm.com/> and select First Church Cambridge as your location. A bag of organic produce will be delivered to our Parsonage at 44 Garden Street each Thursday with your name on it. Easy pick-up from our garage fridge, whenever you can come by. Deliveries begin in mid to late June, can be paused for vacations, and are truly delicious!! Questions? Email Nancy at nkkilburn@comcast.net. Thank you for supporting organic farming!

213TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UCC MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE Friday and Saturday, June 15 – 16, Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA How will we individually and collectively be transformed as we move together into the future of the United Church of Christ? How will we discern and work towards transformational ministries at the local, association, and conference levels in the name of Jesus Christ? The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, Executive Minister for Local Church Ministries, one of the five members of the Collegium of UCC Officers, will be with us keynoting on Friday evening and preaching on Saturday morning. We are gifted to have such a transformational leader present with us around this theme — “Be Transformed.” **Registration Information:** First Church can send 3 delegates to the conference. Please contact Kirsten Manville at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org if you are attending and would like to be one of our delegates. Register now online at www.macucc.org, or request a printed registration form by contacting Jane Logee, Registrar, logeej@macucc.org or 508-875-5233, ext. 221.

FAMILY SUMMER PROGRAM AT CRAIGVILLE RETREAT CENTER, AUGUST 5-11 For many years, a handful of First Church families have enjoyed a week on the Cape at Craigville Retreat Center. This year, PACE (Parent and Child Experience) includes a morning children's program, adult bible study, discussion groups, and art classes, and afternoon free time with beach privileges. Accommodations are in an historic inn with private bedrooms and three meals a day. \$545.00/adult; \$265.00/child; \$75.00/children before 1st grade; children under 2 are free. All are welcome - come to be refreshed and renewed to rejoice. Call Joanne Hartunian for more information, 617-484-0776, and speak with the Wendelin, Rohan Ball, or Jeffers Lo families for great stories of Craigville summer memories.

The 2011-2012 bulletin cover art series was designed by Perry Neubauer and constructed by many hands, large and small. Today's bulletin cover was created by Erik Stauffer and Sarah Higginbotham.

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

During the months of July and August children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. We hope that kids will join in our congregation's singing, praising, praying, and peace-passing. For quieter moments, such as the readings and sermon, books and activity packets are available in the corner by the side entrance. We encourage children to pick a quiet activity to help them settle in during this time. If younger children are especially fidgety, families are welcome to move to the Hastings Room (with books and activity packets in hand), where speakers connected to the sanctuary sound system allow you to hear the service.

*Through the months of July and August, **worship will be held at 10:00 a.m.**, with pick-up choir meeting at 9 a.m.*

The First Church office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. The building will remain open as usual, and a sexton will be in the building at all times.

SMALL GROUP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

First Church maintains a busy schedule of small group activities and worship opportunities throughout the year, but we slow down a bit in the summer months. Here's a quick guide to what's happening when:

Worship Services

Night Song continues to offer a 30-minute Compline service at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays through June and will resume its schedule of full services on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in November.

Third Sunday Jazz at 5:00 pm will return in September with a Regathering celebration on September 16th.

Small Groups

Third Sunday Newcomer Sessions after morning worship will be offered again beginning in September.

Tuesday Family Night will re-start its bi-weekly schedule in late September.

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, June 10

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Service, Children's Sunday
- 12:30 p.m. All Church Picnic and Kickball Game, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

Monday, June 11

- 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, Room 204

Tuesday, June 12

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Formation Committee, Dan Smith's office
- 5:00 p.m. Sabbatical Interim Search Committee, Dan Smith's office

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 5:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Dan Smith's office

Sunday, June 17

Fathers Day

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Ken Ziebell, preaching
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Service
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 24

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary (No Christian Formation)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Healing Service, Dan Smith, leading
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

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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