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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

June 5, 2016

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*HYMN 25

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*GREETING

Jim Rissling

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

The Call

Alexander Brent Smith

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 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**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.*

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 311

Let Us Break Bread Together

All children from Preschool to 7th grade are invited to leave at this time to make sandwiches for today's Outdoor Church offering. The children will make the sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall, and return to the service in time for the sandwiches to be blessed with the weekly offering.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Kate Layzer

READING

1 Kings 17:8-24

READING

Luke 7:11-17

SERMON

Karin Case

*HYMN 315

We Are People on a Journey

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Smith

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Know that God Loves You

Carson Cooman

*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

SHARING THE FEAST

*INVITATION

Dan Smith and Karen McArthur

L: Dear friends, come now to the Welcome Table!

C: **The Spirit presides at this Feast!**

L: Eat together the Bread of Life!

C: **Taste and see that God is good!**

L: Drink together the Cup of Joy!
C: **Filled to the brim with hope!**

*PREFACE

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

L: Now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus,
his daring love, his open table.

(Silence)

L: We remember that he called us friends.

C: **He told us everything you placed in his heart.**

L: We remember that he gave us peace.

C: **A peace no one else can give.**

L: We remember that he did not leave us bereft.

C: **He sent us a Helper -- the Spirit who dwells in our hearts!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Come Holy Spirit. By this bread connect us more closely with you
and with our neighbors near and far.

All: Bless this bread, we pray.

L: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness
of people around the world.

All: Bless this cup, we pray.

L: May this simple meal enlighten the eyes of our hearts
and bring us into union with you, your people and your world
united in the One Body of Christ.

We do this in remembrance of Jesus, our friend and God-companion,
who taught us to say:

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome at this table. It is our custom to eat the bread as it is passed and hold the glasses until everyone has been served, that we may drink as a single act of communion with Christ. The bread is gluten free and the liquid is grape juice.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

All: **Thank you, God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice
you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion --
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
and the will to serve you all the days of our lives.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 461

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Sawyer

Ultimate Jude

Paul

*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!*

*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.*

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 Karin Case, Minister. Assisting with worship are Dan Smith, Senior Minister, Karen McArthur, Minister of Stewardship & Finance, and Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach. Daryl Bichel, Director of Night Song, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Leading the Bell Choir is Susie Longfield. Our liturgist today is First Church Deacon Jim Rissling.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED 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

OUR CHANGING FIRST CHURCH COMMUNITY Today and Sunday, June 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 today 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 Today and Sunday, June 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.

PALESTINIAN OLIVE OIL SALE Today 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!

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). If you would like to receive a healing prayer, an anointing, or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known. In addition to healing prayers offered after the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and return with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. Speak with the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in this ongoing mission project.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS TODAY Thank you, everybody, for your faithful contributions every month. Adding a few items for donation to your market basket each week will make a big difference to folks living with food insecurity every week.

THE FIRST CHURCH DEACONS FUND is one of the many ways in which our community cares for one another. Church members in need of financial assistance for a one time or short-term emergency may make a confidential request to one of the deacons or clergy. This fund belongs to us and relies on our contributions. We hope people will take advantage of this aid. You are also invited to make a gift (beyond your pledge) to the Deacons Fund, if able. Please mark on your check or online contribution "Deacons Fund."

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: (Offered in memory of Janet Bunbury*) Gregorian chant from the Liber Usualis. Lydian plainchant setting for compline by Daryl Bichel. Psalm 23, set by Patricia Van Ness. Plainchant hymn "Te lucis ante terminum," verse 2 set by Thomas Tallis. Audi Domine hymnum by Hans Leo Hassler (8 parts). Salve Regina by Cavallaro (6 parts). Featuring eleven singers and jazz pianist Ben Schwendener. *If you would like to have Night Song presented in memory of a loved one, please contact Daryl Bichel at darylbichel@aol.com.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

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. Please join your First Church Community after worship as we break bread together for our annual church picnic. We'll gather immediately following the service on the Garden Street lawn, and you need only bring your appetite for good food and the company of friends.

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.

FRIDAY CAFÉ T-SHIRTS ARE HERE! They were printed for us in Haiti by Seed Apparel, a socially responsible clothing company committed to promoting development in Haiti via a living wage, profit sharing, and safe working conditions. 25% of their profits are reinvested locally. We are excited to partner with them in spreading the word about our growing community ministry. Shirts will be available in Margaret Jewett Hall on Sundays and Fridays. Your donation of \$20 per shirt makes it possible to give shirts away for free to Friday Café guests. Make your check out to *First Church in Cambridge*, memo line *Friday Café t-shirt*. Kids shirts will be coming in the next shipment!

ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT 2016: REGISTER NOW! Mark your calendars and register now for our annual First Church Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod, September 30 - October 2, 2016. Join us for a community gathering that will include time for beach-walking, game-playing, small group sessions, large group worship, music and art-making, and more. Registration is online - click on "Spiritual Formation" under the Worship, Music & Spiritual Life tab on our website.

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. She will celebrate worship with us on June 12, and then take her leave until she returns 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!

"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 attending the annual meeting as one of our delegates, please contact Joanne Paul at jpauland-scape@aol.com.

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!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 5

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (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
- 2:30 p.m. Youth Group, Meet in Lobby
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, The Well

Friday, June 10

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Saturday, June 11

- 12:00 p.m. Boston Pride Parade, Boylston St., Boston

Sunday, June 12

- 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, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship and Children's Sunday
- 12:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic and Games, Church Lawn
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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