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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY

*HYMN 417 *All My Hope on God is Founded*

*GREETING

Jim Rissling

L: Brothers and sisters, God is in this holy place.
C: We celebrate and cry out with rejoicing!
L: What joy it is to gather in God's presence,
C: To give our thanks and praise!
L: God gives us a new heart, and a new song to sing.
C: God refreshes our souls and renews us.
L: Then come, let us lift up our hearts in offering,
C: And open ourselves to God's loving Spirit!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Kate Layzer

ANTHEM *Jesus bleibet meine Freude - Bach*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us ask for healing, pardon and peace.
C: God of mercy:
We travel through our lives,
Sometimes aware that we wound our neighbors,
Yet too often not.
We move through this world,
Sometimes aware that we grieve you,
Yet too often not.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Grant us the light to see where we sin,
And the grace to go and sin no more.
For only in you can we have newness of heart,

**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.*

**Ready to forgive as we've been forgiven.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 407 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM 85:8-13

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

C: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, whose glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness will go before, and make a path for God's steps.

READING Ephesians 1: 3-14

SERMON Terry McKinney

*HYMN 399 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

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 *Da nobis pacem - Mendelssohn*

*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

*HYMN 89 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

*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

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 Claudia Dyer.

All My Hope on God Is Founded

1. All my hope on God is found-ed, who does all my trust re-new.
 2. Day by day the al-might-y giv-er boun-teous gifts on us be-stows;
 3. Still from earth to God e-ter-nal hymns of grate-ful praise be sung,

Safe through change and chance God guides me, on-ly good and on-ly true.
 with de-light our souls are nour-ished, plea-sure leads us where we go.
 high a-bove all prais-es prais-ing for the gift of Christ the Son.

God un-known, One a-lone seeks to claim my heart as home.
 Love does stand at God's hand; joy a-waits each new com-mand.
 Hear Christ's call one and all; those who fol-low shall not fall.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, c. 1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1899, alt.
 MUSIC: Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977

MICHAEL
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Self-taught in music composition, Howells earned a scholarship at the Royal College of Music in London where he later taught. MICHAEL is named for Howells' son who died in childhood.

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407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I am called to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Robinson, an English barber, became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and, later, a Baptist minister. His text has been sung to this American folk tune since 1813.

NETTLETON
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From the Crush of Wealth and Power 399

Unison

1. From the crush of wealth and pow - er some-thing bro - ken in us
 2. E - ven now our hearts are wa - ry of the friend we need so
 3. Ev - ery time our spir - its lan - guish, ter - ri - fied to draw too
 4. When our love for one an - oth - er makes our bur - dens light to

all waits the Spir - it's si - lent hour... plead - ing
 much. When I see the pain you car - ry, shall I,
 near, may we know each oth - er's an - guish and, with
 bear, find the sis - ter and the broth - er, hun - gry

with a poi - gnant call, bind all my wounds a - gain.
 with a gen - tle touch, bind all your wounds a - gain?
 love that casts out fear, bind all our wounds a - gain.
 for the feast we share; bind all their wounds a - gain.

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

89



1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

WORDS: Daniel R. Bechtel, 1986
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992, adapt.

AUSTIN
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Bechtel, a UCC minister, was inspired by Hosea 11:1-9 to write this description of God's parentlike relationship to us.

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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.

PREACHING TODAY IS Rev. Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing.

Assisting with worship is Rev. Kate Layzer, First Church Member. Our liturgist is Jim Rissling, First Church member, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Dan Smith is away today at the wedding of a Muslim colleague.

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.

FIRST CHURCH DISABILITY/ACCESS TEAM The First Church Disability/Access Team is meeting today, following Morning Worship, in the Library adjoining Margaret Jewett Hall.

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).

SUMMER COOKOUT AT THE PARSONAGE, Sunday, July 29 On Sunday, July 29, Dan and Nancy will be hosting a summer cookout at the Parsonage. After Morning Worship and refreshments on the lawn, plan to head down to 44 Garden Street for a fun and casual afternoon of food and fellowship. Kids and families are more than welcome. Please note: the cookout will be cancelled in case of rain!

"PICKUP CHOIR" For the summer, the First Church Choir continues to sing for Sunday services, but does not rehearse on Thursday night. The music we sing during the summer is less complicated and perhaps more familiar to the average choral singer, and participation is open to anyone who would like to give it a try. The ability to read music and hold a part is desirable, and music for the following Sunday's service will be made available for those who would perhaps like to take it home and prepare over the week. This is a great opportunity to worship God in song, to sing some great music, and to meet a really fun and nice group of people! Ask Peter Sykes for more details.

SHELTER INTERN The Shelter Committee is asking for an interested high school junior or senior to participate in an intern program. The objective of the program will be to create a pamphlet or other appropriate materials to explain the details of how the Shelter fulfills its mission of providing shelter to homeless men and assisting in their transition back into permanent housing. There are a lot of details to this process as well as a wider context of social discussion on the issue of homelessness and how to best address the challenge. For example, there are other models of providing this kind of service to the community. How does how we do it at the First Church Shelter compare to other accepted models? This is intended as an opportunity for the Shelter to engage in the life of the Congregation through the contribution of a caring and interested young adult. At this

point no stipend is envisioned, although this could be the subject of discussion. As a motivational point, this sure would look good on a college resume! Structure for the program will be provided by Michael Swartz, Chair of the Shelter Committee with support from Jim Stewart, Shelter Director, and other members of the both the Committee and the Shelter Staff. Interested individuals should contact Michael Swartz at michael.swartz@perkinelmer.com.

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.

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!

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, Wilson Braun, Rohan Ball, or Jeffers Lo families for great stories of Craigville summer memories.

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. Check the summer issue of EVENT (coming soon) for more information about how to sign up and for payment information.

Mission Moment

HANDS OF PEACE

The ten-year-old "Hands of Peace" program brings together Israeli and Palestinian teenagers with American youth for two-and-a-half weeks in Chicago every summer. Founded by Gretchen Grad, a member of Glenview Community United Church of Christ in suburban Chicago, Hands of Peace seeks to help build bridges among young people on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The inspiration for Hands of Peace came to Gretchen in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Distressed by the climate of hostility, fear, and misunderstanding, she came up with the idea of bringing together Israeli, Palestinian, and American teens. Her pastor, Rev. Howard Roberts, "was immediately behind it," Gretchen says. Jewish and Muslim congregations added their support, and in 2003, 21 teens gathered in Chicago for the first Hands of Peace summer program.

The heart of the program is dialogue. During 14 dialogue sessions, the youthful participants—who call themselves "Hands"—discuss issues related to the Mideast conflict. They choose the topics and set the ground rules. That can lead to explosive discussions, which may even provoke tears. But, in the process, participants come to see beyond the stereotypes they have inherited. After hearing a Palestinian participant recount a checkpoint confrontation with Israeli soldiers, an Israeli teen named Ilor exclaimed, "That was the moment I understood how powerful the program is. From that point on, I was not Israeli. I was Ilor."

While much of the funding for Hands of Peace comes from the Glenview UCC community, we support this program too, with our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and Our Church's Wider Mission.

July 2012

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Starting now and continuing throughout the summer 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 the summer and fall 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

Sunday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Pick up Choir
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Terry McKinney preaching
11:15 a.m. Disability/Access Team Meeting, Library
2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Sunday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Pick up Choir
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Karen McArthur, preaching
2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Looking Ahead

Sunday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Pick up Choir
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 5

9:00 a.m. Pick up Choir
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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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