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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

July 8, 2012

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY

\*HYMN 57

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*GREETING

L: Grace to you and peace from God!

C: **And on the whole earth, peace!**

L: This is the day God has made for us!

C: **A shining day, unlike the rest!**

L: Come into the garden of God,

C: **Where love makes life spring anew!**

L: Come into the presence of God,

C: **Who delights in doing us good!**

L: Come into the pleasure of God,  
and speak God's endless praise!

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**All: You are a morning, God,  
a seed, a shoot!  
You, a new canvas, a vista, a child!  
Sprung from your newness  
and breathing your breath,  
all your bright creatures say, 'Thanks!'  
With light, with the day,  
with the waking-up world,  
your holy people say, 'Praise!'**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith

ANTHEM

*Forever is Thy Word Settled*

Reger

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

*\*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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: God, you scatter seeds of mercy and hope throughout our days,  
but we fail to notice.  
We step on your sacred ground, but do not stop.  
You give us rest, but we keep on going.  
Teach us God, to pause from our ways  
that we might better learn your ways  
of presence, love and peace. Amen.**

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 271

*Lead Me, Lord*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM 123

L: To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**C: As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,**

L: as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,

**C: so our eyes look to the our God,  
until the Holy One has mercy upon us.**

L: Have mercy upon us, God, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**C: Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

READING

Mark 6: 1-13

SERMON

Dan Smith

\*HYMN 356

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Terry McKinney

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

\*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.**

\*HYMN 261

*The Sun is On the Sea and Shore*

\*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

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by many hands, large and small. Today's bulletin cover was created by Claudia Dyer.*

## **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](http://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** Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship is Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing. Our liturgist is Ann McCann, co-chair of the Nominating/Gifts Discernment Committee. 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](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

**IN MEMORIAM** Longtime First Church member Ruth Gates died on June 13th at Carlton Willard Village in Belmont. Services will be held at Carlton Willard on July 10th at 10 a.m. Please keep the Gates family, especially Ruth's daughter Judy, son Richard and Elizabeth in your prayers.

**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).

**AFTER CHURCH HOSPITALITY - TODAY** Have you ever found yourself thinking about how to improve our after-church hospitality? Are you hungry for different ways that we may feed each other, perhaps more abundantly, more nutritiously? Have you wondered about how our coffee hour set up happens or have ideas on how to make our after church and whole church gatherings more eco-friendly, more fulfilling, and more welcoming and hospitable to one and all, newcomers - long time members, and those in-between? Following today's worship, First Church members Ann McAnn and Joanne Paul will facilitate an open brainstorming session about hospitality, feeding and fellowship at First Church. Come to the Hastings Room following today's service and share your ideas and visions for how we can make our coffee hour, meals and potlucks all the more robust, welcoming and delicious!

**FIRST CHURCH DISABILITY/ACCESS TEAM** The First Church Disability/Access Team will have its next meeting on Sunday, July 15, following Morning Worship, in the Library, adjoining Margaret Jewett Hall.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**NEWS FROM UTE AND MARK** We are happy to let you know that things are moving forward for us. I have accepted an invitation to become interim minister of a UCC church in Albuquerque, NM. The church has about 250 members and is very active in social justice ministries, including work with homeless families. They are an ONA congregation and located near the University of New Mexico. My ministry with them will begin in August, and I am now actively looking for housing options. Mark will join me before beginning a teaching adventure in Europe next spring. They say the sun shines somewhere close to 300 days in Albuquerque (when the wild fires don't interfere)! We look forward to this next part of our journey and will remember you with great fondness. Thank you again for all your care and support. We wish you God's blessings as you continue to minister to one another and to the wider world in Christ's name. Shalom, Ute

## Mission Moment

### RETURNING HOME

The village of Kalumpang, in Indonesia, is a five-hour drive over rock and mud roads into the interior of the province of Western Sulawesi. It is the home of the Protestant Church of West Sulawesi, one of our partner churches. Although Kalumpang has a village health clinic, they have never been able to keep a doctor there. They come for a few months, get tired of the bad roads and lack of electricity or phone service, and head back to the city.

Few young people from Kalumpang make it as far as high school, and no one from their tribe had ever become a doctor. But having seen too many people die of preventable illnesses, the church determined to send one of their young people to medical school so they would have a doctor. They asked our Global Ministries to provide a scholarship.

Monika Mainnak is now in her third year of medical school in the north Sulawesi city of Manado, a huge metropolis by comparison with Kalumpang, and a frightening place for a young mountain girl. "This has been a new experience for me," she writes, "but thanks to God I have been given the ability I needed, so that the challenges I faced were not more than I could bear.

"Whenever I feel discouraged, I remember my people. Thinking of them always gives me motivation to work harder in my studies so that I can finish and then return to Kalumpang and bring medical care to my people.

"I want to express my thanks to the donors whose generosity has made my studies possible. I ask also for your prayers so that what we have hoped for and planned for will one day come to pass."

John Campbell-Nelson

The Rev. Campbell-Nelson serves as a Global Ministries missionary with the Evangelical Christian Church of West Timor. His work is supported by your gifts to 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 8

- 9:00 am Pick up Choir
- 10:00 am Morning Worship, Dan Smith preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Hospitality Brainstorming Session, Hastings Room
- 2:00 pm Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 pm Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Sunday, July 15

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

## Looking Ahead

### 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

### 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

## 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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