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Lent  
February 25, 2024

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**  
Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

FIRST CHURCH  
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388 YEARS  
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### February 25, 2024

**Preaching Today**  
**Liturgist**  
**Leading Worship**

Emma Thomas, *Ministerial Intern*  
Phil Jones, *Vice Moderator*  
Dean Eaton, Adam Weiss, Nora Willcutts, and Laurie Williams, *Deacons*  
Ahmaad Edmund, *Pastoral Associate*  
Kate Layzer, *Minister of Street Outreach*  
Lee Prouty, *tech support*  
Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*  
Peter Sykes, *Music Director*  
**Bulletin Cover Image** Freddie Funck, *First Church member*

### Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Courage That Inspires - Rev. William Barber II  
Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Godly Play, Middler, and Bible 101 classes
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments and After-Worship 1:1 Conversations, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Overt White Supremacy in New England Workshop,  
First Parish UU, Cambridge
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

### New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out a visitor card found on the small clipboards or this "[virtual visitor card](#)" so that we might connect with you about our community.

### Give to First Church

You can give electronically by using the QR code in the bulletin or explore more options for giving at: [www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give)

### Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website.  
For general information and inquiries: [info@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:info@firstchurchcambridge.org)

### Minister On Call

If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call 617-547-2724 ext. 222. Your call will be routed to a First Church minister based on a rotating schedule that covers staff time off.

Have a church program or event to promote?  
Complete the [First Church Communications Request](#) form.

Have an edit or update for our website?  
Complete the [FCC Website Changes](#) form

## GATHERING

### VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be to God on High

J. S. Bach

### \*HYMN 100

By Gracious Powers

### \*GREETING

Phil Jones

L: Sisters, brothers, siblings, come, you who seek courage in community.

**C Come, you who long for healing and wholeness!**

L: Beloved, come: you who yearn for a deeper life and a fairer world.

**C: Come and find this courage through the Spirit's call**

L: to truth that sets us free, to love as wide as the sea!

**C: Come now, draw near to God with thanks and praise!**

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### CONFESSING

### ANTHEM

Kyrie

Vincenzo Pellegrini

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### SILENCE

### SUNG PRAYER

Lead Me, Lord

Hymn 271

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \*GREETING OF PEACE

### \*HYMN 302

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*Children up through 7th grade are now invited to Church School classes. Godly Play (PreK-4th grade), Middlers (5th grade), and Bible 101 (6/7th grade) students can meet their teachers at the side door by the Children's Book Corner. Caregivers can find the children in the Chapel after worship.*

*\*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.*

## OPENING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

#### READING

From Psalm 22 and Psalm 23

#### REFLECTION

Emma Thomas

#### \*COVENANT TESTIMONY

**All:** 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 through justice and equity for all people;  
to engage in nonviolent 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 the love that overcomes fear and death.  
This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ,  
and on the power of the Holy Spirit.

### A TIME OF HEALING

#### INVITATION AND BLESSING OF OIL AND HANDS

Dan Smith

#### HYMNS

**441** Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ  
**394** I Have No Bucket, and the Well Is Deep  
**424** We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight  
**400** There Is a Balm in Gilead

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray this prayer 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.

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ahmaad Edmund

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Our offering supports the many ministries of our church,  
with 10% for missions in the community and beyond.  
Please use our new [all-in-one link](#) for gifts from your  
bank account or by credit/debit card:*



### OFFERTORY

Eternal Light

Mark Schweizer

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.**

### GOING FORTH

### \*HYMN C-3

Psalm 23

### \*BENEDICTION

### VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be To God On High

J. S. Bach

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### A Word About our Covenant Testimony

The First Church Covenant Testimony was composed and adopted in 1990 as an expression of the ways we feel called to live into our faith today. It seeks to be more explicit about the commitment of our congregation to justice, reconciliation, peace, and the integrity of all creation. [Read more about our covenant and covenant testimony.](#)

### Our Lenten Bulletin Cover

We are grateful to First Church youth and member Freddie Funck for designing our bulletin cover images through this current liturgical year. Starting in Advent and continuing through Pentecost, Freddie is sharing her artistic gifts with us in ways that reflect not only the different liturgical seasons, but also their wider themes in our life together. Her image for Lent connects to our theme of “Courage in Community.”

OPENING HYMN

100

By Gracious Powers

*Unison*

1. By gra-cious powers so won-der-ful-ly shel-tered,  
 2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tor-ment-ed,  
 3. And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming  
 4. Yet when a-gain in this same world you give us

and con-fi-dent-ly wait-ing, come what may,  
 still e-vil days bring bur-dens hard to bear;  
 with bit-ter suf-f'ring, hard to un-der-stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn-ing,  
 O give our fright-ened souls the sure sal-va-tion  
 we take it thank-ful-ly and with-out trem-bling,  
 we shall re-mem-ber all the days we lived through,

and nev-er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O God, you taught us to pre-pare.  
 out of so good and so be-loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a-lone.

WORDS: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1972  
 MUSIC: Herbert G. Hobbs, 1976; harm. Jan Helmut Wubben, 1976

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Lead Me, Lord

271

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way  
 plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,  
 on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8

MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

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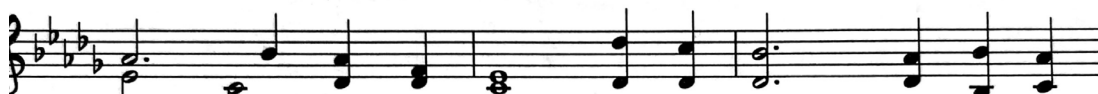
This music is from a Samuel S. Wesley anthem of the same name.  
 Samuel Wesley was the grandson of Charles Wesley.

## Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

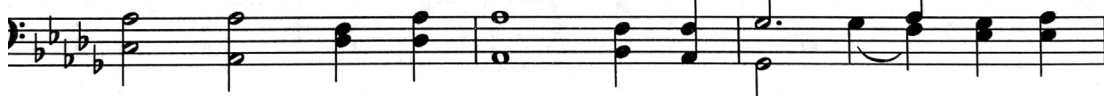
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1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to  
 2. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
 3. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you hea - vy  
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest  
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.  
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.



ORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990  
 USIC: William P. Rowan, 1992, adapt.

AUSTIN  
 87.87



## Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

441

*Unison*

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to  
 2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your  
 3. Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God, and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as  
 pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a -  
 all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out -



life, and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
 miss; held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 poured — my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.



WORDS: Frank von Christerson, 1974, rev. 1979  
 MUSIC: Alfred M. Smith, 1941

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HEALING HYMN

I Have No Bucket, and the Well Is Deep 394

*Unison*

1. I have no buck - et, and the well is deep. My thirst is  
 2. Can love un - bar the strong-rooms of the mind and scour the  
 3. Who are you, strange yet friend - ly at my side, and can you  
 4. Come break the rock, and bid the riv - ers flow from deep un -

end - less, and my throat is dry. I ask you, stran - ger, si - lent  
 tombs and war - rens un - der - ground for toys and treas - ures lost, or  
 see and judge, yet un - der - stand my hid - den self, and heal with  
 end - ing wells of joy and worth, for tears, for drink - ing, drown - ing

at my side, can words re - fresh my long - ings if you speak?  
 nev - er found, for all I can - not name, yet ache to find?  
 wound - ed hands? Are you the path, the gate - way and the guide,  
 and new birth, and I shall find and give my - self, and know

I have no buck - et, and the well is deep.  
 I have no buck - et, and the well is deep.  
 the keys, the liv - ing wa - ter, and the light?  
 the keys, the liv - ing wa - ter, and the light.

HEALING HYMN

424 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;  
 2. We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
 3. Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra-cious words we hear from Christ who spoke as  
 nor fol - low where Christ trod; but in con - fess - ing  
 and may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 in realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
 we re - joice: our Sav - ior and our God!  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

# HEALING HYMN

400

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*    §

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.    *Fine*

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
 2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for  
 3. If you can't preach like Pe - ter, if

think my work's in vain. But then the Ho - ly  
 Je - sus is your friend, and if you look for  
 you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of

Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.    *D.S.*  
 knowl-edge he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.    There is a  
 Je - sus, and say he died for all.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual  
 Here is a positive response to the question asked in

BALM IN GILEAD



CLOSING HYMN

Psalm 23

C-3

1. My God, my shep-herd and my guide, you sat - is -  
 2. You bring my soul to peace a - gain and set my  
 3. You lay a ban-quet out for me in sight of  
 4. I know your good-ness and your love will al - ways

fy my need, you of - fer rest in pleas - ant fields,  
 path a - right. Your rod and staff sub - due my fears,  
 all my foes. You hon - or me and fill my cup  
 fol - low me, and in your house I'll make my home

to wat - ers calm you lead.  
 in dark-ness you give light.  
 un - til it ov - er - flows.  
 for all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: New translation by Denise Karuth

MUSIC: New England Psalter, 1698

LOW DUTCH

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Abby Shuman’s father Fred as he undergoes a lung biopsy this week.
- We pray for Carter West, who is experiencing a chronic neurological disorder.
- We pray for Molly Baker and her family as they grieve the loss of Molly’s grandfather Hank Hinckley, who died this past Monday. A leap year baby, he was about to celebrate his 88th birthday on February 29.
- We pray for Brent and Poppy Coffin as Poppy experiences a significant decline in her struggle with Alzheimer’s.
- We pray for Jennifer Petrallia and all who are struggling with debilitating anxiety and depression.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer and other ongoing health challenges: Carol Wilson-Braun, who is managing ALS; Dana Hunt, Claire Morgan’s mother; Jim Rae, Ami Brenner’s father; Ellen Smith, Devin Hansen’s aunt; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones’s mother; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet and her son-in-law Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters; Michael, Ginny Harlan’s son; Lisa DiNardo’s friend Graziella Macchetta; and Abby Shuman’s uncle Barry, whose brain tumor is metastasizing.
- We pray for the many families seeking emergency shelter in cities and towns across our state.
- We continue to pray for all who are recovering from recent natural and climate related disasters. We pray for our rapidly warming planet and for redoubled efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions.
- We pray for those mourning the death of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, and we pray for the Russian people amid a wider crackdown on dissent.
- We pray for all soldiers and civilians involved in recent U.S. retaliatory strikes in Yemen, Syria and Iraq. We pray for all those impacted by the violence of war and political upheaval, throughout the Middle East and Ukraine, and also in Sudan and Haiti.
- We pray for political and climate refugees and migrants who make often life-threatening border crossings over land and open water.
- We pray for the wellbeing and safety of our trans and gender non-conforming siblings as they face the experience of vitriolic public discourse and of state laws that restrict and criminalize transgender health care, personal expression, and wider LGBTQ+ education. We pray especially for the family and friends of Nex Benedict, who died one day after a serious bullying incident in their school in Owasso, OK.
- We pray for those most affected by changes in reproductive rights: for all those struggling with the moral and political complexities of pregnancy and childbearing, and for patients and healthcare providers who are unable to give and receive care in their own states.



## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

### Prayer for Israel and Palestine

As the war in Gaza and Israel enters its fourth month, our hearts cry out in prayer. With the death of 1400 Israelis and over 29,000 Palestinians so far, we pray for an end to the war and immediate de-escalation of tensions in the region that are threatening a wider and more lasting conflict. We decry the horrifically violent Hamas attacks against Israel on October 7, as well as the disproportionate use of force by the Israeli government and military.

We hold that every person is made in God's image and that every life is precious. We pray for the safe return of all hostages. We pray for redoubled diplomatic efforts to address the already devastating humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the ongoing occupation of Palestinian territories. We continue to pray for a just peace in Palestine and Israel and throughout the region. We also pray for Jews and Muslims, nearby and around the world, who are facing increased threats and acts of anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim discrimination, hatred, and violence.

We continue to pray for ourselves, that we will be courageous, faithful, compassionate, and open to God's love and leading, and to all whom we encounter through these tension-filled times. Across whatever division or disagreement, may our words and deeds seek to honor the humanity and God-given dignity of every human being.



#### Join Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

##### "Stand in the G.A.P." response: Give, Act, and Pray

We are grieved by the war between Israel and Hamas. There is still work to do for peace and justice. We believe that, working together, justice can prevail. Peace is possible. Since October 7, CMEP has issued [many public statements and letters](#). CMEP Executive Director Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, who preached at First Church on October 15, has been making daily update videos, which [you can watch here](#) to stay updated on pressing news in Gaza, Israel, and the West Bank. Find links to prayer calls, briefings, and donation pages [here](#).

#### First Church Land Acknowledgment

*We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusetts people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusetts, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.*

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



**Do you want to follow the hyperlinks, but you're holding a paper bulletin in your hand?**

Use your phone's camera to hover over the QR code marked "scan me;" this will take you to the Members & Friends page of our website, where you'll find the bulletin online, as well as links to news, events, and more.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

### Lenten Formation Series: **Courage That Inspires** Today and Sundays, March 3 - 17, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

Join First Church leaders, staff, and guests as they guide us through a time of prayerful meditation and learning from the remarkable lives and stories of various *Americans Who Tell the Truth*. The four portraits on loan to us this year will be rotated between the Harter Room and Hastings Common so that we may sit with the featured truth teller each week in the Harter Room.

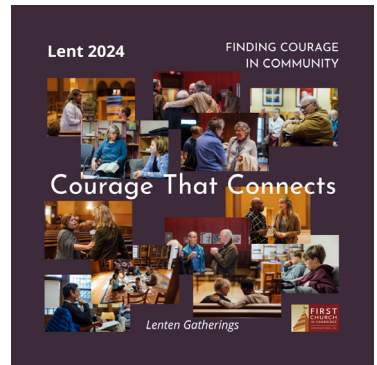


TODAY: **Courage that Inspires - Rev. William Barber II**  
March 3: **Courage that Inspires - James Baldwin**  
March 10: **Courage that Inspires - Pauli Murray**  
March 17: **Courage that Inspires - Leah Penniman**

### After-Worship 1:1 Conversations

Today and Sundays, March 3 - 17 at 12:15 p.m.

Looking for a simple spiritual practice to take on this Lent? What about a commitment to reaching out to another member of our faith community for 1:1 conversation? Consider sharing your faith journeys, and perhaps some struggles, with each other. We'll have conversation prompts and extra snacks available as you find a quiet spot in the building (or even outside on a walk) for conversation and connection.



### Night Song

Sundays, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream

Night Song is a worship opportunity that offers stillness and sublime music in a darkened sanctuary for respite and reset... [Read more about Night Song.](#)

## LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

### Transition at First Church

Pastor Dan Smith has shared [big news](#). After 20 years with First Church, Dan will be leaving his role as our Senior Minister at the end of June. As Dan shared in his letter, we know this significant change comes at a time when other things are changing all around us. At all times, but especially in the season of Lent, our tradition invites us to lean into prayer and spiritual practice, and to find courage in God and in our community.



As we enter into the early days of First Church's season of transition, church leaders are pleased to announce the formation of two teams to guide our journey over the coming months.

- The members of our **Interim Minister Search Team** are Jim Cairns, Claire Morgan, Stephen Weller, and Linda Ziebell. They are working closely with our SNEUCC Area Conference Minister Rev. Alex Shea Will, who is providing resources on the "search and call" process. (Click [HERE](#) for more information about our United Church of Christ polity and the general process for pastoral transitions.) The team is updating our church profile so that the position can be listed for candidates to consider, and the team will be taking the lead on interviewing promising candidates.
- The **Leavetaking and Farewell Team** is made up of Bruce Hoppe, Amy Matias, Beth Spaulding, and Alex Steinert-Evoy. They will begin sharing information with the congregation about these plans very soon.

Moderator Moana Bentin, Vice Moderator Phil Jones, Deacon Co-Chair Leslie Pelton-Cairns, and Deacon Co-Chair Casey Marsh welcome your questions and input as we walk this journey together. Visit the [Transition at First Church](#) page of our website for ongoing updates.



### Food Pantry Donations on Communion Sundays

First Church continues to provide contributions to the Many Helping Hands Food Pantry. The volunteer-run, donation-driven pantry offers a grocery shopping experience on the second Saturday of each month. You are invited to donate healthy snacks, hygiene products, spices, and (when possible) items bought in bulk/case, as this supports customers having a similar shopping experience. **First Church donations can be**

**left in the large baskets in the Narthex on the first Sunday of each month, which is next Sunday, March 3.**

## LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, March 2, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., Harter Room**

All who identify as men at First Church are invited to join us in person on Saturday morning for our monthly gathering, a time to reflect and rejoice. If you would like to be added to the Men's Breakfast email list to receive reminders of these gatherings, please contact Peter Byerly: [p.byerly@comcast.net](mailto:p.byerly@comcast.net)



### GBIO Housing Justice Action

**Next Sunday, March 3, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC)**

**100 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury**

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization will convene ALL of GBIO at ISBCC in Boston for an all-out housing justice assembly! We will directly ask our local legislative leaders to support our legislative and budget asks. GBIO stands to win billions of dollars for public housing, increased access to housing for people leaving incarceration, and the construction of new homes. Every one of us has a role to play by showing up and bringing our neighbors! First Church is committed to bringing 70+ members, which includes YOU! Stay after worship for a light lunch before heading to the action together, by T and other means.

[Register with this link!](#) Or scan the QR code!

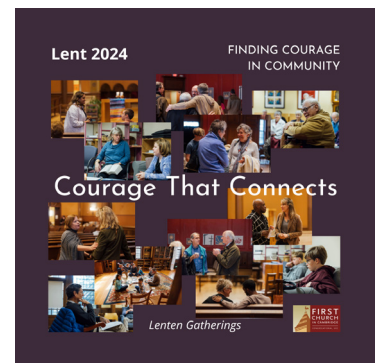
**MORE PEOPLE, MORE POWER!**

### Lenten Gatherings: Courage That Connects - Soup Suppers

**Tuesday, March 5 & Thursday, March 21, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**The Parsonage (44 Garden St.)**

We have set some time aside to break bread and find courage and nourishment of body and soul through a series of informal gatherings that will be hosted at the Parsonage. After a meal and a gently guided conversation about where we are needing and finding courage, First Church Deacons will offer a simple ritual of Communion to close out the gathering. ***If you plan to attend one or both of the Parsonage suppers, please RSVP to [Dan Smith](#).***



## LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

### Young Adults: Ice Skating

**Friday, March 8, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Steriti Rink, Boston**

Come join other young adults (20s and 30s) from First Church for ice skating at Steriti Rink in Boston! We'll do an hour or two of skating, then head over to the North End for some pizza. Feel free to drop in late. This event is open to anyone in the age group, whether you're just exploring First Church or have been here a while and are looking to meet some new folks. Let Emma Duke know to expect you, and if you're not already on the YA Mailing List you can sign up by emailing: [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org).



### Women's Community Book Group

**Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., via Zoom**

Please join the women of FCC as we return to reading a novel. This month's read is [\*Our Missing Hearts\*](#) by Celeste Ng, the bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*: "a deeply suspenseful and heartrending novel about the unbreakable love between a mother and child in a society consumed by fear." Join us and, as always, try to bring someone new!



#### WOMEN'S COMMUNITY

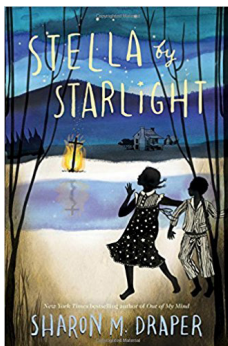
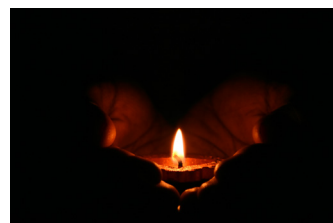
retreats, book groups, and  
spiritual practice in community



### Lenten Taizé Services

**Tuesdays, March 12 & 19, 8:00 - 8:45 p.m., Harter Room**

All are welcome to join us for a short evening service of candlelight, meditation, and singing in the Taizé tradition. Emma and Owen Duke will be leading this casual time to reflect and find calm in the season of Lent.



### LOOKING AHEAD: Middler Book & Bible Study

**Sunday, April 7, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Harter Room and via Zoom**

Join First Church's 5th graders to hear about their learning during this Church School year. Prepare by reading [\*Stella By Starlight\*](#), a middle reader novel set in rural North Carolina during the Jim Crow era that students have explored side-by-side with Biblical stories about Moses and his life experiences. Copies of the novel are available at church for a donation of \$7; you can also find it in your local library or download it to your e-reader. Set aside some time to read the engaging story before April 7.

Did you read *Stella By Starlight* with the Middler class of 2017-18? If you have a copy of the book already that you'd be willing to lend to another, please bring it with you to church any Sunday before April 7!





# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, February 26

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

## Tuesday, February 27

- 10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, The Landing and via Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Beloved Community, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Reading Mary Oliver, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Life Group: MLK Book Group, via Zoom

## Wednesday, February 28

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Faith & Life Group: Reparations Book Group, via Zoom

## Thursday, February 29

- 6:00 p.m. Drop-In Bible Study, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, home of Winnie Yip

## Friday, March 1

- 12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)

## Saturday, March 2

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Harter Room

## Sunday, March 3

- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Adult Formation: Courage That Inspires, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class for 8/9th graders, The Well
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, Library
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments and After-Worship "1:1" Conversations, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch for those attending the GBIO Action, MJH
- 3:00 p.m. GBIO Housing Justice Action, ISBCC, Roxbury
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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