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Season of Pentecost  
May 26, 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  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**388 YEARS**  
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**May 26, 2024**

<b>Liturgist</b>	Jean Dany Joachim, <i>Deacon and Poet-in-Residence</i>
<b>Preaching</b>	Dan Smith, <i>Senior Minister</i>
<b>Leading Worship</b>	Carla Arevalo, <i>Pastoral Associate</i> Lee Prouty, <i>tech support</i> Peter Sykes, <i>Music Director</i> Emma Thomas, <i>Ministerial Intern</i>
<b>Bulletin Cover Image</b>	Freddie Funck, <i>First Church member</i>

### Today's Programs and Events

10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and <a href="#">via livestream</a>
12:15 p.m.	Refreshments in Margaret Jewett Hall

### 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)

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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**

Benedictus

Max Reger

**\*HYMN 253**

God Is Here

**\*GREETING**

Jean Dany Joachim

L: Beloved of God, whether you are here for an hour or a lifetime,  
welcome to this household of God's grace:

**C: here, where our lives are grounded in the hope and healing of God;**

L: here, where we grow together in community and belonging;

**C: here, where we act together in love for a better world!**

L: Sisters, brothers, siblings in the Spirit, come gather in.

**C: Here, in this sacred place, there is room for us all!**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**ANTHEM**

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

## CONFESSING

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**SILENCE**

**SUNG PRAYER**

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you!**

*(Sung twice through)*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

**\*HYMN 340**

Peace Before Us

*Children are invited to remain in worship today, and they are welcome to visit the Children's Book Corner (near the side door) at any time. If young ones need a break, they are welcome to join the Nursery in Sage Hall (our basement playspace).*

*\*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

Colossians 1:3-14

### SERMON

Dan Smith

### BLESSING OF COMMUNITY MINISTERS

### \*HYMN 378

God, We Thank You for Our People

### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carla Arevalo

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Emma Thomas

### 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.**

### 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

Thine, O Lord, Is the Power

Max Reger

### \*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

## GOING FORTH

\*HYMN C-20

The Household of God

\*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist

Dietrich Buxtehude



### **Blessing Our Community Ministers**

**Today at 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and via livestream**

As part of today's Morning Worship, we honor and give thanks for our [Community Ministers](#). First Church is blessed to be a spiritual home for at least 18 ordained clergy. Many share their gifts with us from week to week in ways large and small. Some are retired, or semi-retired, while others are actively serving in chaplaincy and ministry settings outside of First

Church. We celebrate them all, whether in person or in spirit, and give thanks for their ministries and presence in our midst!



OPENING HYMN

253

God Is Here!

1. God is here! As pil - grim peo - ple met to of - fer  
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

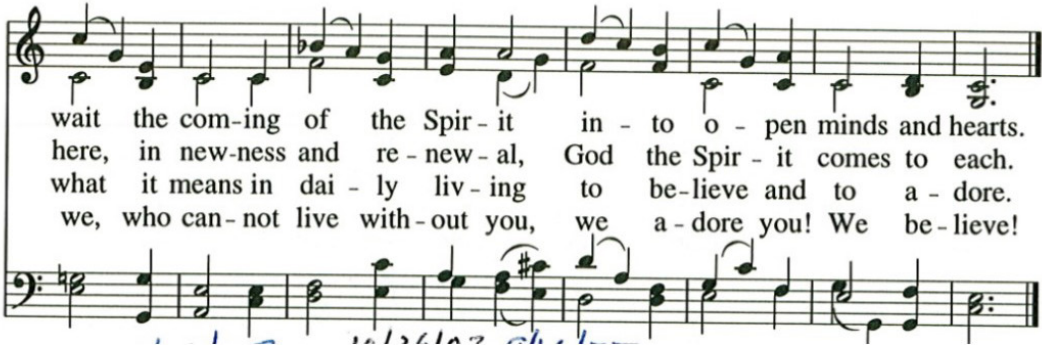
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978  
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
 87.87D

## PEACE HYMN



wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new-ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## Peace Before Us



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace be - neath our feet.  
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love be - neath our feet.  
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light be - neath our feet.  
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ be - neath our feet.

*Additional verses: joy, truth, hope.*

WORDS: David Haas, (b.1957), alt., based on a Navaho prayer  
MUSIC: David Haas, (b.1957); harm. FCC, 1997

PRAYER FOR PEACE  
445.447

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Peace with - in us, peace a - bove us, let all a - round us be peace.  
Love with - in us, love a - bove us, let all a - round us be love.  
Light with - in us, light a - bove us, let all a - round us be light.  
Christ with - in us, Christ a - bove us, let all a - round us be Christ.

378 God, We Thank You for Our People

1. God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
 2. Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,  
 3. Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
 4. By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,

har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
 hopes and mem - o - ries saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
 though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.  
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.

Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
 pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,

here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
 you trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!  
 wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.



CLOSING HYMN

C-20

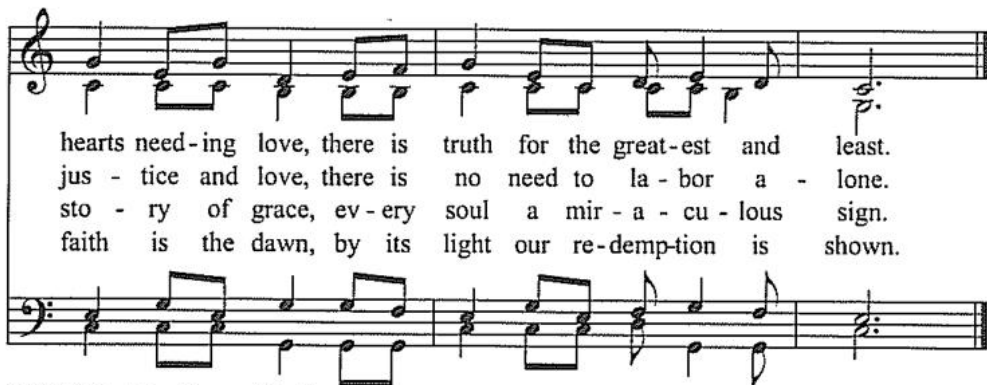
The Household of God



1. The\_ house - hold of God has\_\_\_ room for us all, ev - ery -  
2. The\_ house - hold of God has\_\_\_ work for us all, by\_\_\_  
3. The\_ house - hold of God gives a voice to us all, we can  
4. The\_ house - hold of God has\_\_\_ hope for us all, in the



one has a place at the feast, the\_\_\_ best and the worst have\_\_\_  
man - y have seeds been\_\_\_ sown, in the har - vest of heal - ing, of  
sing in a cho - rus di - vine, we can hear ev - ery life as a  
dark - ness a hand holds our own, as we walk by that guid - ance our



hearts need - ing love, there is truth for the great - est and least.  
jus - tice and love, there is no need to la - bor a - lone.  
sto - ry of grace, ev - ery soul a mir - a - cu - lous sign.  
faith is the dawn, by its light our re - demp - tion is shown.

WORDS: John Evans-Klock

MUSIC: Peter Sykes

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and pray for all those who serve in the armed forces and their families, and for all those whose lives have been lost in that service.
- We pray for Sally O'Brien as she prepares for a second brain surgery on May 28 to address essential tremors.
- We pray for Ken Ziebell, who is recovering from pneumonia and an infection.
- We pray for George Williams, who is recovering in the hospital following a fall and ongoing complications from a traumatic brain injury.
- We pray for Devin Hansen's friend Joyce Ice, who suffered a stroke recently.
- We pray for all who are living with significant health challenges and their families and caregivers: Poppy Coffin, who is experiencing Alzheimer's Disease; Carol Wilson-Braun, who is managing ALS; and Carter West, who is experiencing a chronic neurological disorder. We also pray for those in treatment for cancer: Dana Hunt, Claire Morgan's mother; 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; and Abby Shuman's uncle Barry.
- We pray for the many families seeking emergency shelter in cities and towns across our state, including migrant families living at the MA Safety Net Family Shelter in East Cambridge.
- In the midst of solidarity protests at colleges and universities, here and across the nation, we pray for the ongoing protection of free speech, for student and campus safety, for nonviolent action and responses, and for increased understanding and openness to dialogue across division.
- 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 the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where ongoing armed conflicts have led to more than 6 million people killed and more than 5 million people displaced from their homes. We pray also for those who have experienced devastating incidents of gender-based violence during the conflicts.
- We pray for all those impacted by the violence of war and political upheaval throughout the Middle East, in Ukraine, in Sudan, and in 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 wisdom and justice to prevail as our court system tackles issues of immigration in its rulings.
- 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 continue to 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

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patients and healthcare providers who are unable to give and receive care in their own states.

- We pray for the 14 men finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter; and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding resources and listening ears.

**Join the [First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.**

### Prayer for Israel and Palestine

As the war in Gaza and Israel continues, and as the threat of famine in Gaza looms, our hearts cry out in prayer. With the death of 1,400 Israelis and over 35,000 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



#### 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.

## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

### Young Adults: Faith on Tap

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

#### Cambridge Common Restaurant

Come join other young adults (20s and 30s) from First Church for casual fellowship and happy hour drinks at Cambridge Common on Mass Ave! 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: [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org).



### Refugee Ministry Update: First Church Provides Space and Volunteers for Welcome to Newly Arrived Families

We are pleased that First Church has built a strong relationship with partners at the state and local level. Because of this, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, along with [Immigrant Family Services Institute \(IFSI\)](#), its contracted case management agency, is renting space at First Church each Monday-Thursday through June

20. IFSI provides state-mandated case management, ESOL, workforce development, preschool education, and other services to residents of the East Cambridge Shelter, many of whom we have met through our Tuesday Welcome Centers.

While we are not holding our own Welcome Center on Tuesdays for the moment, IFSI still wants our help! They would love volunteers who'd like to work directly with guests on the following: practicing English, building job skills, preparing resumes, and helping with preschool education. IFSI are the experts in this case management work; we are volunteering for them with the support of their experienced bilingual staff and systems.

***Volunteers are needed each Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., through June 20.***

Reach out to Martha Cook at: [marthamuellercook@gmail.com](mailto:marthamuellercook@gmail.com)

#### ***Rolling Luggage Needed***

We would like to provide rolling suitcases (or rolling duffles) to families for storing and moving around with their belongings. If you can donate any rolling luggage, please let us know!

**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.



## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, June 1, 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)



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

a monthly gathering  
for sharing our stories and reflections



### Children's Sunday Is Next Sunday, June 2

On Children's Sunday, we are led in liturgy by younger voices, and we celebrate their contributions to our multigenerational faith community. This year, our 6th and 7th graders will present "A Gospel Play" as the culmination of their two-year Bible 101 class. We will also recognize our 4th graders with their own Bibles as they "graduate" from Godly Play, and we will lift up the volunteer teachers, who make our Church School run.



### 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, June 2.***



### Piano Music Giveaway

**Sunday, June 2, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall**

Carol Wilson-Braun will be hosting another giveaway of a wide assortment of piano music (both sheet music and books) after worship on June 2. Selections include adult and child level music, duets, Christmas music, etc. Everyone is invited to take a look, especially children, adult piano players, and piano teachers. The music is free, but if you feel so moved, a contribution could be directed to First Church's Frobenius Organ Fund or to the music program of the church.





## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

### First Church Reparations Fund: An Update

As part of our racial justice journey at First Church, the Spirit called us to create the Reparations Fund in 2021 to engage in a process of wealth redistribution and the spiritual practice of repair and relinquishment (vs. charitable giving). The First Church Reparations Fund encourages both one-time and periodic donations from individuals; the Missions & Social Justice Committee has also made donations from their budget.

As of January, 2024, First Church has donated \$103,000 to the non-profit that acts as the fiscal agent for a group we call “The Collective,” people of African descent engaged in activism and anti-racist work convened by Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou. They make decisions as to how the money is spent, and during the past 3 years have supported small business ventures, college education funds, aid to people to catch up on rent, and immigration needs. In one case, a member of the Collective was in Haiti when the earthquake struck. With money from the Collective, they were able to get aid into the mountains to villages that had not received any aid.

At its April 22 meeting, First Church’s Executive Council voted to approve a new and broader definition of the church’s Reparation Fund.

*Moving forward, the Reparations Fund will be distributed in three equal portions across three different domains:*

- *1/3 to “The Collective” (as described in Executive Council’s original measure),*
- *1/3 to the Lloyd family’s Slave Legacy History Coalition [the Lloyds are direct descendants of enslaved people in First Church’s records], and*
- *1/3 to further reparative efforts, including ongoing outreach to Indigenous communities, to be determined by a small subcommittee of majority POC First Church members.*

*We will continue to review this structure (annually) as our learning continues and while honoring existing commitments and relationships.*

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for how you can contribute to the Reparations Fund.



## Friday Café spring clothing drive



MEN'S & WOMEN'S SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS, TEES, BUTTON-DOWNS, JEANS, SHORTS, LIGHT JACKETS, HOODIES, CAPS, SNEAKERS, AND SANDALS.

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT:



[www.thefriday.cafe](http://www.thefriday.cafe)

PLEASE BAG ITEMS, LABEL THEM "FRIDAY CAFÉ," AND DROP OFF IN THE LOBBY OF FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, 11 GARDEN ST.

### Advocate for Overdose Prevention Centers in MA!

First Church Shelter Director Jim Stewart and others at First Church continue to support SIFMA Now in advocating for state action to make Overdose Prevention Centers (OPC) available in Massachusetts. Legislation that is awaiting action in both the Massachusetts House of Representatives (H1981) and the Massachusetts Senate (S1242) would help make it possible for communities to host OPCs.

OPCs around the world, most recently New York City, have proven effective in reducing overdose deaths, as well as injection related infections. They have also been shown to increase participation in treatment and to reduce the amount of injection related detritus (syringes etc) in the neighborhoods that host them. (Read the details here.) Advocates and providers in Cambridge and Worcester are prepared to help stand up and operate OPCs once state legislation is passed.

If you have not already done so, go to: <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator> to send an email letting them know it is time to #savelivesnow; encourage them to vote in favor of making Overdose Prevention Centers legal in Massachusetts.



## TRANSITION AT FIRST CHURCH

### Staffing Update

We have good news to share! Ministerial Intern **Emma Thomas** has agreed to be a Pastoral Associate for the coming year, working 25 hours a week. She will participate in worship at least 2 Sundays per month (as she currently does), preach, lead Christian formation, work with new members, and more. She will end her time as Ministerial Intern on Sunday, June 16, and take a break for the summer. She will begin as our Pastoral Associate on Sunday, September 1. Let's give a warm, heartfelt, and ongoing welcome to Emma and her extraordinary gifts!



In addition, after Dan leaves and until the Interim Minister begins their term (hopefully, by late August), our Director of Operations **Kirsten Manville**, who is already full-time and oversees much of our current staff, will serve as Acting Head of Staff. While Kirsten won't take on pastoral duties, she is able to coordinate pastoral care coverage as the need arises. Dan is currently pre-planning the summer preaching and on-call pastoral care schedule with program staff and Community Ministers. Please take an opportunity to thank all of our current staff for their extra efforts during this transition time.



### Pastoral Care During Our Transition

With Dan and our Pastoral Associates leaving soon, some of you may wonder who will be available for pastoral care in the coming months of leadership transition. As always, feel free to reach out to current program staff Kate Layzer, Karen McArthur, and Sarah Higginbotham, all of whom are available to offer support and/or direct you to someone who can. To reach a minister on-call, please dial **617-547-2724 ext. 222**. We are also grateful to these

Community Ministers, who have expressed their availability to provide periodic pastoral care conversations through the summer: Reverends Liz Williams, Krysia Burnham, Ingeborg Haug, Alex Steinert-Evoy, Jenny Stuart, and Beth Spaulding. You may reach out to any of them via email, which can be found in the Parish List on our website.

### Schedule a Meeting with Dan

As I share in [this followup letter](#) to my February 4 farewell letter, my last Sunday in worship will be June 9. I hope to see many of you there, and before as well! Starting in late April, I'm clearing much of my weekday schedule for 1:1s and small group meetings with as many of you as possible. This is time for whatever you may need—a last pastoral check-in, a chance to wrap up a shared project, a time to laugh and/or cry together, a goodbye hug. Please visit [my Calendly site](#) to pick a time and place, via Zoom or in person!



- Dan Smith

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### Summer Staffing and Building Hours

As many of you know, longtime sexton George Williams has been on medical leave for many months as he has been experiencing a difficult recovery from a traumatic brain injury. Additionally, our Sunday morning sexton Jonathan Splaine will not be working this summer as he focuses on some pressing family matters. We are grateful to sextons Steve Brown, Douglas Casey, and Kevin Newell, as well as Facilities Manager Lee Prouty, for stepping up and taking on more hours over the past months to make sure we have the coverage our busy building needs.



Because of our limited staffing and the slower building pace during the summer, we will reduce our building hours starting in June. On most Saturdays in June, the building will close at 6:00 p.m., and on most Sundays in June, the building will close at 3:00 p.m. In July and August, our hours are further reduced. On most weekdays, the building will close at 7:00 p.m. On most Saturdays, the building will close at 4:00 p.m., and on most Sundays, at 3:00 p.m. Closing times may vary if there are previously scheduled events taking place. If you have questions about the summer building schedule, please contact [Director of Operations Kirsten Manville](#).

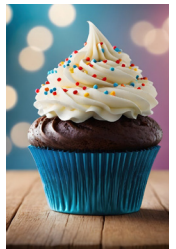


### Dan Smith's Farewell Sunday, June 9

On Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate Dan's 20 years of ministry at First Church in Cambridge. Our Morning Worship will include special moments (and special guests) to lift up the journey we have walked together, to express our gratitude for the experiences we have shared, and to acknowledge the end of this pastoral relationship. Then, we'll gather for a Farewell Party, where we will share a light meal, toast Dan, and shower him with gifts and heartfelt gratitude for his presence among us these last two decades.

### *It takes a village to throw a party!*

We are planning a special party for Dan, and we need your help! In addition to your contributions of messages, pictures, and remembrances to the Leavetaking Team's project, we welcome your helping hands to set up, run, and clean up our after-worship celebration. This includes an invitation to provide cupcakes for a scrumptious cupcake dessert buffet! Find all the details on [this signup form](#), and don't hesitate to email [fellowship@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:fellowship@firstchurchcambridge.org) with any questions.





## WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Rev. Lexi Boudreaux's Installation

Sunday, June 9 at 3:00 p.m.

#### First Congregational Church in Hopkinton, NH

Our beloved former Transitional Minister is to be installed in her settled role, and we are invited to celebrate with her! The First Congregational Church of Hopkinton, NH and the Merrimack Association of the United Church of Christ joyfully invite you to attend the Service of Installation of Rev. Alexandra Boudreaux as the Pastor of First Congregational Church of Hopkinton in New Hampshire. Please join us for a celebratory reception following the Installation Service.

Alternatively, the service will be livestreamed, making it possible for FCC folks who plan to participate in Dan's farewell to witness Lexi's celebration virtually. If you do plan to attend the installation in person, [please RSVP using this form](#) or RSVP via email to: [office@firstchurchhopkinton.org](mailto:office@firstchurchhopkinton.org)

### CMM presents

the Dr. Alice Kidder Memorial Lecture:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

on Forgiveness, Grief, and Re-Creation

Sunday, June 9, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Eliot Church of Newton UCC

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[Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries](#) is presenting the Dr. Alice Kidder Memorial Lecture, named in memory of our dear Alice, a beloved First Church member and leader at CMM. [Rev. Dr. Matthew Ichihashi Potts](#), Pusey Minister at the Memorial Church at Harvard University, will speak on forgiveness, grief, and re-creation. Is there a place and role for any forgiveness in our current global conflicts? Does forgiveness have a public place as well as a personal one? How do we encounter and coexist with one another? Can forgiveness stop a war, or broker a peace? Is, or should, forgiveness be unconditional? We must have the energy to explore together! [Register today.](#)



### Support Cathy Patton in the MA Special Olympics!

First Church member Cathy Patton will be competing in a Track & Field walking event at the Massachusetts Special Olympics, taking place at Harvard Stadium on June 7-9. She warmly invites us to attend and cheer her on! For more information, please visit: [www.specialolympicsma.org](http://www.specialolympicsma.org)



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# JUNETEENTH GATHERING

*Honoring those who endured slavery and seized freedom on Brattle Street and beyond*

**SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024**  
**12:30-3:00 PM**

**Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters NHS**  
**105 Brattle Street, Cambridge MA**  
*Rain location: Christ Church Cambridge*

## Speakers

Juneteenth # Pop-Up Poetry, A Denise Plays Hard Event

Music

Refreshments

Hands-on History area

Family Activities



**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**

*Presented in partnership with the Descendants of Tony and Cuba Vassall, History Cambridge, Museum of African American History, Cambridge Historical Commission, Royall House and Slave Quarters, Slave Legacy History Coalition, First Church Cambridge, Christ Church Cambridge.*



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# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## **Monday, May 27 - Church Building & Office closed for Memorial Day**

4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom

## **Tuesday, May 28**

10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, The Landing and via Zoom

## **Wednesday, May 29**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom

## **Thursday, May 30**

6:00 p.m. Drop-In Bible Study, via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Young Adults: Faith on Tap, Cambridge Common Restaurant

## **Friday, May 31**

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

*See our [Events Calendar](#)  
for Zoom links and details.*

## **Saturday, June 1**

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

*Sign up [here](#)  
to receive our weekly e-newsletter.*

## **Sunday, June 2**

9:30 a.m. Bible 101 play rehearsal, Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream

12:15 p.m. Refreshments in Margaret Jewett Hall

12:30 p.m. "Wade in the Water" Project Volunteer Appreciation, Harter Room

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