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Season of Pentecost  
June 30, 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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CONGREGATIONAL

388 YEARS  
ON THE WAY

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### June 30, 2024

<b>Liturgist</b>	Stefanie Haug
<b>Preaching Today</b>	Rev. Ingeborg Haug, <i>Community Minister</i>
<b>Leading Worship</b>	Justin Brueggeman, <i>guest musician</i> Kate Layzer, <i>Minister of Street Outreach</i> Lee Prouty, <i>tech support</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 on the Lawn

### 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

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### \*HYMN 100

By Gracious Powers

### \*GREETING

Stefanie Haug

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: Let there be life in this house, now and always!**

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### ANTHEM

Christ Be With Me

Noel Rawsthorne

### 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 86

The Lone, Wild Bird

*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) or on the outdoor playground.*

*\*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

I Corinthians 13:12–13

#### READING

Psalm 139

#### SERMON

Ingeborg Haug

#### \*HYMN 401

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Layzer

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.... (*silence, intercessions and the Lord's 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.**

### 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

Saranam

Punjabi Hymn

**\*DOXOLOGY**

O Jesus, risen now to bless,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess;  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 80**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**\*BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

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**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.*



**SCAN ME**

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

OPENING HYMN

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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 Wubbena, 1976

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## The Lone, Wild Bird

1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is still with you, nor  
 2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep and  
 3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the path I walk my  
 4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be - fore my birth you  
 5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re - new my life, my

leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in  
 far - off land. And I am yours! I rest in  
 whole life through, my days, my deeds, my hopes, my  
 spoke my name; with - in my soul, as close as in  
 spir - it heal; for I am yours, I rest in

you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
 breath, so near to me, in life, in death.  
 you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925, alt.; sts. 3 - 5, Marty Haugen, 1991  
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. David N. Johnson, 1968

PROSPECT  
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Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 401

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I  
 4. My God has prom - ised good to me, whose  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved and set me free! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

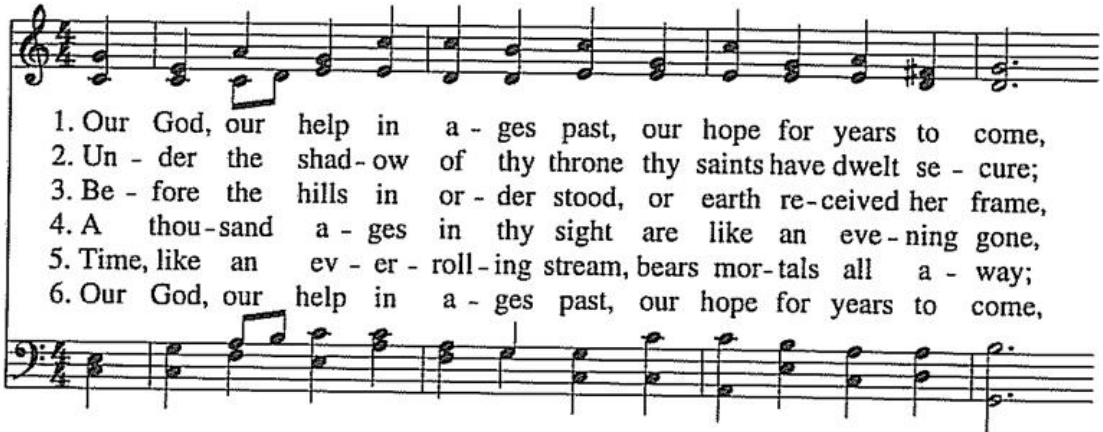
WORDS: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779, alt.; St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790  
 MUSIC: Shaw and Spilman's *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829; harm. FCC, 1997

NEW BRITAIN  
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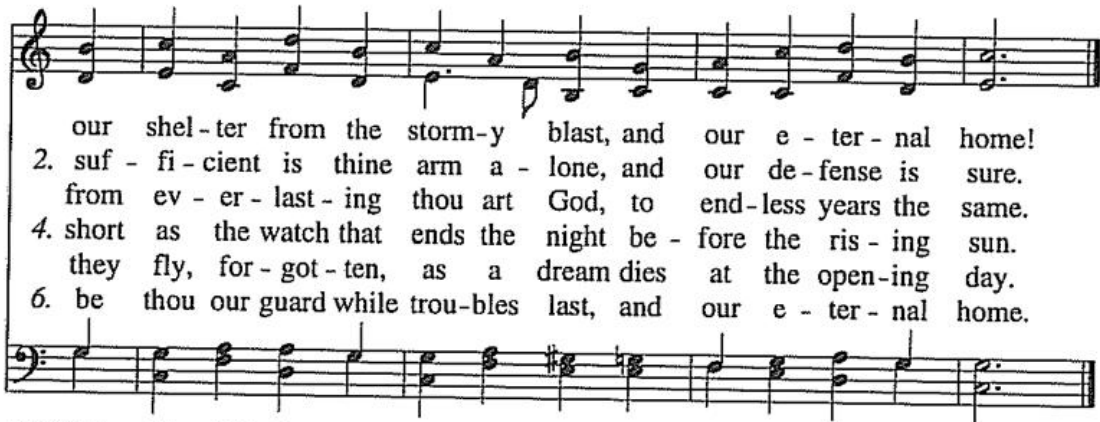


## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;  
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.  
 6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Kate Layzer and Don Johnson as they mourn the loss of Kate's father Bob, who died recently following a brief illness.
- We pray for Linda and Ken Ziebell, as Ken is now receiving palliative care at Carlton-Willard in Bedford.
- We pray for George Williams, who is improving after another brain surgery to replace a shunt, and as he continues treatment for a traumatic brain injury.
- 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: Bob Spaulding, Beth Spaulding's father; 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 City of Cambridge as its leaders address road safety issues in the wake of two fatal bicycle accidents over the past weeks.
- 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.
- We continue to pray for all who are recovering from recent natural and climate-related disasters, especially for those who are experiencing record heat waves across the globe. 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 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.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

### Prayer for Israel and Palestine

As the war in Gaza and Israel continues, our hearts cry out in prayer. With the death of 1,400 Israelis and over 36,000 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.



**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

### Summer Sermon Reflection Today at Coffee Hour

Grab a cup of coffee or cold lemonade and join Ingeborg Haug at a table in the shade to engage in conversation about today's sermon. Bring your questions and reflections to this informal time with one of First Church's Community Ministers.



### Pastoral Care Cards This Summer



During the summer months, we invite you to support our Pastoral Care ministry by writing a simple note to First Church members who are on our weekly prayer list. It may be to share congratulations, condolences, or "get well soon" wishes. Look for the "card table" at Coffee Hour each Sunday, where you'll find the weekly list of pastoral care needs and/or the Sunday bulletin prayer section, blank cards, pens, and a Church Directory with addresses. We also include stamps and return address labels. Please affix to the completed cards and place them in one of the mailboxes on Garden St. as you leave (corner of Garden and Mason or corner of Garden and Berkeley). If you'd like to write cards from home, use the online bulletin and Church Directory found in the "Quick Links" on the Members & Friends page of our website. Many thanks in advance for sharing in this important ministry of outreach and care.

### Service of Ordination for Jaz Buchanan Today at 3:00 p.m., United Parish in Brookline 210 Harvard St., Brookline, MA

We are thrilled that First Church's former Pastoral Associate Jaz Buchanan has been called by United Church in Walpole as their Associate Pastor of Faith Formation! All are warmly invited to Jaz's Ordination Service at her home church in Brookline. Learn more and RSVP [here](#).



### Friday Café Summer Lunch Program



Looking for a fun summer project you can do with (or without) kids? Become a part of the Friday Café summer lunch program for neighbors in need by signing up to contribute 10 sandwiches, 10 servings of fruit or fruit salad, or 10 sweet treats on one or more Fridays. This is a great opportunity to talk with kids about food insecurity and give them hands-on ways to respond, like helping shop for groceries, assembling sandwiches, baking cupcakes, and creating food labels. Bring community service forms with you when you drop off if you'd like credit for time invested.

## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



### Summer Worship & Preaching

Through the months of July and August, Hybrid Morning Worship begins at 10:00 a.m., with Pick-Up Choir meeting at 9:00 a.m. Church School-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. The Nursery continues to be staffed by our regular caregivers for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Night Song, our evening service, will return in September after a summer hiatus. Special thanks to our current staff and to our Community Ministers for preaching this summer:

**June 23**

Rev. Norm Bendroth

**June 30**

Rev. Ingeborg Haug

**July 7**

Rev. Kate Layzer

**July 14**

Rev. Liz Williams

**July 21**

Rev. Kate Layzer

**July 28**

Rev. Henry Schoenfield

**August 4**

Rev. Karen McArthur

**August 11**

Rev. Krysia Burnham

**August 18**

Rev. Rev. Alex Steinert-Evoy

**August 25**

Rev. Kate Layzer

**September 1**

Emma Thomas, Pastoral Associate

### 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, July 7.***



### Young Adults: Brunch at Zoe's Diner

**Sunday, July 7, 11:15 - 1:00 p.m., Zoe's Diner, Harvard Square**

Come join other First Church young adults (20s and 30s) for a delicious brunch at Zoe's Diner after church! We'll meet up at coffee hour and walk over together. 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).





# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, July 1

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

## Thursday, July 4 - Church Office & Building Closed for Independence Day Holiday

## Friday, July 5

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

## Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship,  
Sanctuary and via livestream  
11:15 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn  
11:15 a.m. Young Adults: Brunch at Zoe's Diner,  
Harvard Square



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for Zoom links and details.

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