



Leavetaking Sunday
June 9, 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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Liturgist
Preaching Today
Leading Worship

Moana Bentin, *Moderator*
Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*
Issa Bibbins and Nola Hood, *guest musicians*
Sarah Higginbotham, *Creative Worship & Arts Director*
Danyson Joachim, *First Church youth*
Kate Layzer, *Minister of Street Outreach*
Casey Marsh and Leslie Pelton-Cairns, *Deacon Co-Chairs*
Kirsten Manville, *Director of Operations*
Karen McArthur, *Minister of Stewardship & Finance*
Susie Neubauer, *member of Dan's 2004 Search Committee*
Lee Prouty, *tech support*
Alex Shea Will and Ellen Rohan Ball,
representing the Metropolitan Boston Association of the SNEUCC
Beth Spaulding, *Community Minister*
Larry Smith, *longtime First Church member*
Peggy Stevens, *for Beloved Community*
Peter Sykes, *Music Director*
Emma Thomas, *Ministerial Intern*
Bulletin Cover Image Freddie Funck, *First Church member*

Today's Programs and Events

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 12:15 p.m. Farewell Party for Dan Smith, 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

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

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.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

*HYMN

Let There Be Life in This House

see page 5

*GREETING

Moana Bentin

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

Grace

Patricia Van Ness

Beth Spaulding, soprano

God of grace

God of grace

God of grace

Creator of grace

Source of grace

Font of grace

Wide and wide

Fathoms and fathoms both

Sweeping and sweeping

Grace and strength

Grace and compassion

Grace and hope

Courage and grace and grace

Amen

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

**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.*

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 302**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READINGS

Selections from Matthew, Mark, and Luke

SERMON

Dan Smith

***HYMN**

What Can I Offer You, Dear Friend

see page 6

written for today by Kate Layzer and Peter Sykes

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Higginbotham

MINISTRY MOMENT

Peggy Stevens

A LITANY FOR LEAVETAKING

Emma Thomas, Beth Spaulding, Leslie Pelton-Cairns,
Kirsten Manville, Karen McArthur, Danyson Joachim,
Larry Smith, Susie Neubauer, Casey Marsh, Kate Layzer

L: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

L: ... God of the journey,

C: hear our 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

Friend of God

Israel Houghton

Nola Hood, voice; Issa Bibbins, piano

Who am I that You are mindful of me, that You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me, it's amazing.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.

God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, He calls me friend,
He calls me friend, He calls me friend.

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess;**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITURGY OF FAREWELL AND RELEASE

INTRODUCTION

Alex Shea Will

*RELEASE OF VOWS

Alex: And now we will speak some solemn words that will allow Dan and this congregation to follow God's call into the future with freedom and integrity.

Dan: I thank First Church, its members and friends,
for the love, kindness, and support shown me during our time together.
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
I am grateful for the ways my leadership was accepted.
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**C: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
and accept your passage.
We offer our gratitude for your ministry among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence upon our faith and faithfulness
will not leave us at your departure.**

Dan: I accept your gratitude, offer forgiveness
and trust that our time together and our parting
are pleasing to God.

Alex: Do you release Dan from his duties as Senior Minister?
Do you offer your encouragement as his journey unfolds in new ways?

C: We do, with the help of God.

Alex: Do you, Dan, release this local congregation
from turning to you and depending on you?
Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here
and for the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Dan: I do, with the help of God.

WITNESS AND CLOSING PRAYER

Ellen Rohan Ball

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 401

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

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

Let there be life in this house

for First Church in Cambridge on its tenth anniversary of declaring itself an Open and Affirming Church

Peter Sykes

Kate Layzer

Let there be life in this house Poured from the riches of
 Let there be life in this house Ten - der and truth - ful and
 Let there be life in this house Life of the Spi - rit and
 Let there be life in this house Life of the Bod - y di -

God Treas - ure in so man - y ves - sels of clay Giv - en for shar - ing, not
 real Life of be - long - ing, res - pect - ed and free Hon - ored for all God de -
 fire Lov - ing, be - lov - ed, new - born from a - bove Dar - ing to love be - cause
 vine kind - ly and pas - sion - ate, ear - thy and odd We are the Church, be -

hid - ing a - way, Let there be life in this house!
 clares us to be, Let there be life in this house!
 we have been loved, Let there be life in this house!
 lov - ed of God, Let there be life in this house!

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

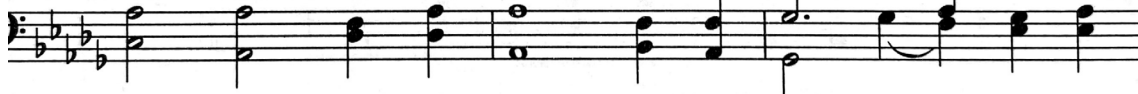
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1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to
 2. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 3. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in



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

SERMON HYMN

What can I offer you, dear Friend

for Dan Smith

In celebration of twenty years of inspired ministry at First Church in Cambridge

Kate Layzer

Peter Sykes



What can I of - fer you, ___ dear Friend, who have poured ___ out all for me? ___
How can I come be - fore ___ you, Lord, ___ or let your gaze rest on me ___ A
How can I live and what must I do to make known ___ your grace to me? ___



What can I give you who have blessed my life so ___ a - bun - dant - ly? ___ "No
thou ___ sand faults and fail - ures stand be - tween me and your bright glo - ry. ___ "Be
Teach me to shape my life in your praise and ___ serve you worth - i - ly. ___ "My



rich ___ gift do I ask of you but to love with a heart that's free: ___ Do just - ice, love
not a - fraid, ___ my dear - est dear, for my mer - cy has set you free. ___ Do just - ice, love
light dwells in you ev - en now: let it shine for the world to see. ___ Do just - ice, love



kind - ness, walk gent - ly, ___ stay close, close ___ to me."
kind - ness, walk gent - ly, ___ stay close, close ___ to me."
kind - ness, walk gent ly, ___ stay close, close ___ to me."

Micah 6:6-8

EVEN NOW Irr.

CLOSING HYMN

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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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth Spaulding’s father Bob as he begins treatment for prostate cancer that has moved to his lungs.
- We pray for Sally O’Brien as she recovers from brain surgery to address essential tremors.
- 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: 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.
- 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 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.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Prayer for Israel and Palestine

As the war in Gaza and Israel continues, and in light of recent tragic news from Rafah, 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.



Dan Smith's Farewell Sunday

Today we celebrate Dan's 20 years of ministry at First Church in Cambridge. Our Morning Worship includes 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 gather for a Farewell Party to share a light meal, toast Dan, and shower him with gifts and heartfelt gratitude for his presence among us these last two decades.

Did You Miss Our 20-Year Look-Back Sessions?

On April 28 and May 5, Dan Smith and other First Church leaders led two 9:30 formation sessions offering a look back at First Church's recent history and ministry. You can find video recordings of the sessions [here](#) and [here](#). You can read Dan's notes [here](#).



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.

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH

Young Adults: Faith on Tap

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Felipe's Taquería, Harvard Square

Come join other young adults (20s and 30s) from First Church for casual fellowship and roof deck margaritas at Felipe's Taquería in Harvard Square! 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.



Summer Staffing and Building Hours

Because of our limited sexton staffing and the slower building pace during the summer, we have reduced our building hours starting in June. On most Saturdays in June, the building closes at 6:00 p.m., and on most Sundays in June, the building closes 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](#).

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 30

Rev. Ingeborg Haug

July 7

Rev. Norm Bendroth

July 14

Rev. Liz Williams

July 21

Rev. Kate Layzer

July 28

Rev. Henry Schoenfield (Healing Service)

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



SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



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.

Would you like to join one of our Pastoral Care Teams to write cards, visit members, or deliver meals September through June? Contact Care Team Coordinator Susie Neubauer to learn more: susieneubauer@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care During Our Transition

As we say goodbye to Dan, 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.



Staffing Updates

To summarize an earlier announcement:

- Ministerial Intern **Emma Thomas** will end her intern year with us next Sunday, June 16, and return as Pastoral Associate on September 1.
- Director of Operations **Kirsten Manville** will serve as Acting Head of Staff after Dan’s departure and until our Interim Minister begins their time with us in September.

You can find more details about staffing and our season of transition at:

firstchurchcambridge.org/transition

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Reparations Fund Matching Grant Opportunity: Summer 2024

This summer is your special opportunity to make a contribution to First Church's Reparations Fund. A First Church member wishing to remain anonymous will match contributions up to a maximum of \$25,000. With the matching campaign, we hope to inspire new people to join in growing the Reparations Fund. ***Beginning with our yearly observance of Juneteenth, and running through Labor Day, your 25 dollars becomes 50 dollars and your 1,000 dollars means that 2,000 dollars go into the Fund.***



Some current funders contribute monthly or yearly, and others have given a one-time offering. We are grateful to past contributors, who have given a total of \$103,000 as of January 2024. You may [give online](#); please be sure to choose "Reparations Fund." Or you may write a check payable to "First Church in Cambridge" with "Reparations Fund" in the memo line.

How will your contribution be used?

In April 2024, First Church's Executive Council voted to approve a new and broader definition of the church's Reparation Fund that reflects the breadth of the relationships and local efforts in which First Church has engaged since the Reparations Fund began:

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.

[**Read more about First Church's Reparation Fund and learn how to contribute.**](#)



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

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. While we are not holding our own Welcome Center on Tuesdays for the moment, IFSI still wants our help!

[**Find details and sign up to volunteer.**](#)

WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS



Rev. Lexi Boudreaux's Installation

Today 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

CMM presents

the Dr. Alice Kidder Memorial Lecture:
Rev. Dr. Matthew Ichihashi Potts
on Forgiveness, Grief, and Re-Creation
Today, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Eliot Church of Newton UCC
474 Centre St. Newton, MA 02458

[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

WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



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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Service of Ordination for Jaz Buchanan

Sunday, June 30 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](#).





THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, June 10

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Gathering, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom

Tuesday, June 11

- 10:30 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, The Landing and via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room and via Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

Thursday, June 13

- 6:00 p.m. Drop-In Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults: Faith on Tap, Felipe's in Harvard Square

Sunday, June 16

- 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. Juneteenth Gathering, Longfellow House - Washington's Headquarters NHS

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

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

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