



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts



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IN CAMBRIDGE
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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

*Grounded in God
Growing in Community
Acting in Love*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.
Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

*New to First Church in Cambridge?
Please take the time to fill out one of the pew cards
and place it in the offering basket during the service.
Name tags are available at both the front and back entrances of the sanctuary.*

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles, and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. During construction, nursery care for infants and toddlers is temporarily located in Sage Hall, our basement playspace. You may access Sage Hall by the main staircase through the door by the Children's Book Corner. Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Tower Room, just off the Narthex, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

Would you like to give to First Church in Cambridge? Here are easy ways to do it:

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Text \$ ___ to 617-841-8044*



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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2017

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*HYMN 66

Oh How Glorious, Full of Wonder

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Philip Jones

L: Sisters and brothers, siblings all, let's say it together:

C: Come, Holy Spirit, and let there be new life in this old house.

L: Come, Spirit of Truth. Let there be new courage in our witness.

C: Come, Spirit of Love. Fling wide the doors of our welcome.

L: Come, people of God, rejoice and get ready!

C: Grounded in God, growing in love, acting with courage,

L: the Spirit's power is bringing new life to us even now!

C: All glory, honor and praise to God! Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Eternal Light

Mark Schweizer

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: Gracious God,
we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**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.*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 459

Jesu, Jesu

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON ERIC RIEDEL

INVITATION

PROMISES

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*BLESSING

L: Let us share our blessing.

**All: We welcome you in this ministry with hope,
and we install you in joy!
Trust God, seek the Spirit's consolation,
love this congregation with all your hearts,
serve, forbear, witness, and lead,
in the name of the good and gracious God. Amen.**

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Matthew 9:35-10:23

SERMON

Dan Smith

*HYMN 388

O Church of God, United

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF CONCERN

Ken Ziebell

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Kate Layzer

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer and address God 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

OFFERTORY

Prevent Us, O Lord

C. Hubert H. Parry

*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 485

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Ultimate Jude

Paul Sawyer

VOLUNTARY



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN–CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Indeed these are exciting times for First Church! And further steps are under way and will continue:

- Beyond the generous participation of First Church members, a loan toward meeting additional funds needed has been approved from the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund, and the building contracts are all signed! Given the loan, further donations are, of course, always welcome!
- The Hastings Room portraits and furnishings are all being safely stored and locked in the chapel during construction.
- Several large trees and shrubs near the Garden Street entrance were removed at the end of May. It looks dramatically different, opening up new and exciting views of this section of our building. With the addition of plant material that is better scaled to fit the new entry configuration, we can now envision the intent of Rob Olson's design.
- Our General Contractor, Sea-Dar, is hard at work! Demolition began in early June, and work proceeds on an ambitious and highly detailed schedule to assure we will be back in our space come fall!
- Rob Olson has begun guiding a team of lay leaders and staff through interior design decisions, including wall colors, floor covering, and furnishings.

Indeed, it's all happening! And, we are already considering space usage come fall. Sarah Higginbotham has moved her office to what was once the choir room, and Francine LaChance is sharing the office with her. The room is now being called the Landing. Also the Executive Council recently approved a proposal to move permanently the Archives from their current space above the Library to a new space on the second floor, above where our new rest-rooms will be. This will assure that the Archives can be more safely cared for and are more accessible (no more spiral staircase!). Our current Archives location could be repurposed for storage (for Friday Cafe, seasonal decorations, etc.) and could also offer an occasional meeting space (e.g., for the youth group).

Stay tuned via First Glance and Facebook for more updates and photos, as the project moves forward!

for such a time as this

GOOD NEWS!

Gratefully we announce that, as of June 5, 2017, **\$1,950,802** in individual gifts and pledges have been committed to fund our capital campaign's objectives. Praise the Lord, we say, and thanks to one and all who through your generous gifts and dedicated efforts have brought First Church in Cambridge to this joyful place.

How did we do it?

- As of March 27, individual gifts and pledges total an amazing **\$1,787,117, representing 184 commitments from 257 people**. Wow! So many generous pledges of support, giving deep and wide! Still, though, we needed \$1.9 million in such gifts to meet our building budget goal. Gap of \$112,883 was remaining.....
- On March 27, moved by the generosity of the congregation, a community member steps forward to help and challenge us, offering to match all new and increased gifts up to a total of **\$50,000** if committed by June 30.
- Throughout April and May, generous, thoughtful, amazing people responded to our challenger, making **thirty new and increased gifts and pledges totaling \$63,235**. Combined with the **\$50,000** challenge, these gifts lifted us up and beyond our goal, to **\$1,900,352**. We're there, we said!
- More blessings! In early June another amazingly generous donor pledged an additional \$50,450 to the campaign, bringing our total to an abundant **\$1,950,802**.

It is difficult to express just how glorious these results are, along with the work and ministry they will make possible. We can only say thank you to God and to all the generous and dedicated souls among us. As an aside, the campaign books are still open, and additional gifts are welcome. They will only make stronger the financial foundation on which we will build.

Finally, a reflection. The act of giving is quite personal, so the numbers of this report represent valuable resources and expressions of many individual dreams and purposes. To me, they speak of love: God's love for us, our love for each other and the wider world, and our desire to share that love as broadly and as deeply as we can. Praise be to the Giver of all that we have! Thank you, First Church in Cambridge!

Ann McCann, on behalf of the Appeal Advisory Team

Leslie Pelton-Cairnes and Joanne Paul, Co-Chairs; Members Moana Bentin, Rev. Karin Case, Don Johnson, Nate Jones, Rev. Kate Layzer, Ann McCann, Lindsay Miller, Rev. Dan Smith.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Liturgist

Philip Jones, First Church Member

Leading Worship

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach

Playing Organ and Directing Choir

Peter Sykes, Director of Music

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For architects and engineers, tree experts and designers, for stone masons, contractors and subcontractors, and with gratitude for every mind, heart, hand and muscle that will be part of our building project, which is now underway!
- For First Church in Somerville as they welcome their new minister, Da Vita (“Day”) McCallister, and for Rev. Henry Schoenfield, whose interim ministry there concluded last Sunday.
- For victims of police violence against people of color, especially Charleena Lyles in Seattle.
- For all those affected by recent deadly attacks in Tehran, Iran; Manchester, London; and Kabul, Afghanistan; and by the tragic fire in London.
- For all who have fled their home countries as a result of war and terrorism, and for clarity in responding to immigration crises around the world.
- For neighbors facing extreme famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, and Nigeria.
- For all political leaders, including our current administration, that they may know God’s spirit of wisdom and justice in these troubling times.
- For ourselves, that we may open our hearts and minds to all those we disagree with or don’t understand, and find the grace to listen, connect, and join together in our common humanity.

Portions of the YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED section of the bulletin are omitted in the online version to protect the privacy of those mentioned. To find out who we are praying for this week, please contact the church offices at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or by calling 617-547-2724.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

NIGHT SONG, SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Spend some time at the end of the day nourishing your soul at Night Song. Vox Equalis (treble voices) and Daryl Bichel offer ancient and contemporary chant and improvisation by candlelight, providing space for contemplation and prayer.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION COFFEE HOUR HELP Help First Church keep Coffee Hour going through summer construction! While the new kitchen is underway, we are unable to make coffee at church. Please sign up to bring two or three Boxes o' Joe from your local Dunkin' Donuts (or other favorite coffee shops) for after-worship consumption. Cream and sugar will be provided, along with lemonade, ice water, and cookies. Choose a Sunday that works for you. You can bring the boxes to the Tower Room when you arrive for worship. Remember that worship begins at 10:00 a.m. in July and August. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0F4AA5AD2CAA8-summer

Many thanks for your help in keeping up our hospitality during our building transition!

A MESSAGE ABOUT KARIN CASE'S SUMMER SCHEDULE Karin will be away during the summer months of July and August, and will return to First Church after Labor Day, in time for our 2017-18 program year. This summer, Karin is looking forward to participating in the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) trip to Israel and to some vacation time in the South, visiting Civil Rights sites, paying homage to Southern authors, and following the Delta Blues Trail. She wishes you a wonderful summer and looks forward to seeing you in September!

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION

New volunteers are welcome to join other First Church members and friends in the active sanctuary network. Trainings and opportunities to serve are happening now. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org if you'd like to learn more.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS! JOIN US THIS SUMMER AS WE KNIT HATS FOR THE FRIDAY CAFÉ! Did you know that in winter when the weather outside is frightful, up to 200 people a week come to the Friday Café for warmth, fellowship, food, a safe place to sleep, and WARM CLOTHING? And did you know that without a hat, it's almost impossible to stay warm? We'll be knitting hats this summer, as gifts for the Friday Café. See Linda Ziebell for a pattern, or use your own. We'll have a refresher session for those of us whose skills are rusty. If you have time in your summer to knit, please let us know and join in this vital ministry. For more information or to tell us you're knitting for the Friday Café, contact Linda Ziebell at lindaziebell@comcast.net or Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com or by phone at 607-748-0853.

SOLUTIONS AT WORK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS NOW! We need help sorting and shelving clothing donations. Based in Cambridge, Solutions at Work helps adults bridge out of homelessness by providing them with three full outfits suitable for interviews or work. Our Children's Clothing Exchange allows families to exchange outgrown children's clothing for sizes they need. As the only facility of its kind, the Children's Clothing Exchange serves families from Greater Boston. Whether you can help once or regularly, we'd like to meet you. You will be helping participants look their best, by advising them on their ensembles. Solutions at Work is located in Cambridge at 391 Evereteze Way, off Cambridge Street, in the Roosevelt Towers Public Housing Complex. For more information, contact Alice Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com or 617-276-6227, or contact Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com.

HARVARD SQUARE SUMMER SHELTER AND Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE'S SUMMER PROGRAM NEED VOLUNTEERS! These student-run homeless shelters operate between June and August. Volunteering shifts range between 2 and 10 hours in length, and can involve cooking, tidying up the space, running laundry, and hanging out with our guests. If you would like to receive notice of available volunteer shifts, please sign up for this email list (you can unsubscribe easily at any future time). Have any questions? Contact us: summerhshs@pbha.org | info@y2yharvardsquare.org

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

The First Church office will be open Tuesday–Thursday for the months of July and August. The building itself will be open from 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, and 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The building will be open its usual hours on Sundays, and both morning worship and Night Song will take place as scheduled.

There will always be access to the building when it is open. Entrance and exit points may change depending upon which area of the building is being worked on, and some areas of the building may be off-limits at certain points in time. The construction will be loud and noisy, and staff are currently thinking through what we can all do to make our environments as conducive to working as possible. This may include working off-site at times.

Through the months of July and August, worship will be held at 10:00 a.m., with pick-up choir meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Throughout the summer, church-school-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. (A temporary nursery space in Sage Hall will continue to be staffed by our regular caregivers during the worship hour for toddlers and infants.) We hope that kids will join in our congregation's singing, praising, praying, and peace-passing. For quieter moments, such as the readings and sermon, books and activity packets are available in the corner by the side entrance.

We encourage children to pick a quiet activity to help them settle in during this time. If younger children are especially fidgety, families can listen to the service in the Tower Room (off the Narthex) and are also welcome to supervise their children downstairs in the Sage Hall playspace.

The Week Ahead

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25

- 9:30 a.m. Sustainable Investments Meeting, Dan Smith's Office
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting)
- 12:30 p.m. Discernment and Formation Team, Dan Smith's Office
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Monday, June 26

- 6:00 p.m. Centering Meditation, The Well
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Dan Smith's Office

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2

- 9:00 a.m. Pick-up Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Karen McArthur, preaching, Multigenerational
Communion-in-the-Round
- 11:15 a.m. Outdoor Church sandwich-making at Coffee Hour
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 4

Building closed for Independence Day.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Pick-up Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Kate Layzer, preaching
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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