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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts



\*HYMN 310

*Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

SHARING IN BAPTISM

INVITATION

Katie Omberg & Karin Case

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

Marian Smith

- L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone  
who desires new life  
into the faith and family of Christ.  
Do you who witness this sacrament  
promise these children of God your love, support and care?
- C: We do!**
- L: Will you help them to grow in faith  
And witness with them to the love and mercy of Christ?
- C: We will, with the help of God!**
- L: Do you renew your own promises  
to live in the freedom of Christ, and resist the power of evil?
- C: We do, with the help of God!**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISMS OF ADELAIDE ANNE HAWLEY KROFT AND SHERRY TVEDT DAVIS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION

*All children from Preschool to 7th grade are now invited to leave for an Earth Stewardship Project. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to the Choir Room. Parents can meet their children in the Choir Room after worship.*

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Taj Smith

RESPONSIVE PSALM

90:12-17

- L: So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.
- C: Turn, O God! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!**
- L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
S O that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- C: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**
- L: Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.
- C: Let the favor of our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

READING

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

\*HYMN 464

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF CONCERN

Alice Kidder

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Kate Layzer

- 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 and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

- L: Hear us now as we pray in the spirit of our brother, Jesus: Our Creator, our Mother...
- All: Our Father, 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

*Oculi Omnium*

Heinrich Schultz

*Oculi omnium in te spirant Domine:  
Tu das iis escam eorum in tempore opportune.  
Aperis tu manum tuam:  
Et imples omne animal benediction tua.  
The eyes of all await upon thee, O Lord,  
And thou givest them their food in due season.  
Thou openest thy hand,  
And fillest every living thing with thy blessing.*

\*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 (Deacon)

GOING FORTH

\*HYMN 378

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

\*BENEDICTION

Karin Case

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Send Me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)*

Hymn 344

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of this response.

*Send me, Jesus, send me Jesus  
Send me, Jesus, send me Lord  
Lead me, Jesus...  
Fill Me, Jesus...  
Thuma mina...  
Thuma mina somandla*

VOLUNTARY

*Sonata in C Minor*

J.S. Bach

## **WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...**

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](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org).

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.**

**Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

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. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

**PREACHING TODAY IS** Karin Case, Minister. Assisting with worship are Katie Omberg and Taj Smith, Ministerial Interns and Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach. Our liturgist is Eric Riedel. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Deacon Marian Smith is assisting with baptisms.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is 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](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or by calling 617-547-2724.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**2015 DORIS BEAUVAIS LECTURE AND LUNCHEON Today at 12:30 p.m.,** A hot hearty lunch will be served immediately after the service. This year, the Rev. Tina Rathbone, Cathedral Missioner of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral of Boston, will discuss her advocacy work for those displaced by condemnation of the Long Island Bridge. We will also present Mitch Snyder awards to Boston Warm and those at Old South who made it happen, Emmanuel Church, the American Friends Service Committee's Material Assistance Program, the Boston Homeless Solidarity Committee and Brittany Gravely of Harvard Film Archive.

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PREP SESSIONS Today at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Hastings Room** Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1, at 12:30 p.m., following Morning Worship. The meeting's principal purpose is to review and vote on the proposed 2016 annual budget of the Congregation, as prepared by the Treasurer and Stewardship Committee and reviewed by Executive Council. Our Capital Campaign Planning Team will also give us an important update. In preparation for this meeting, there will be discussions of the draft budget during the 10 O'clock Hour on October 11 and following Morning Worship on October 18, at 12:30 p.m., both in the Hastings Room. Plan to join us!

**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight at 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary** Join us for this contemplative and spiritually transporting candle-lit experience of choral literature, ancient and contemporary chant, and instrumental music. There is no spoken word, no sermon, no coffee hour, no dogma - just the opportunity to experience the Divine through music, being still, and silent meditation.

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR SABBATICAL** First Church Parish Administrator Kirsten Manville is on sabbatical through December 31. During this time, other staff members will take on pieces of her work and Facilities Manager Dan dos Santos's hours will increase. To assume many of Kirsten's tasks, involving preparation for Sunday worship services and management of building reservations, **Shannon Fuller has been appointed Acting Parish Administrator and will be working half-time. Please be sure to submit all items for the bulletin to Shannon, at [sfuller@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:sfuller@firstchurchcambridge.org), by 1:00 on Tuesdays.**

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS!** Interested in learning more about First Church? Whether you're new to the area or simply new to First Church, we're glad you're here! Please take a moment during church to fill out a pew card with your name and contact information, or stop by one of our tables after worship. You'll find a *Welcome Table* in Margaret Jewett Hall with information about First Church and someone to greet you and answer any questions you may have. We'd love to know that you've been here and help you connect with opportunities that interest you at First Church. Here are some ways to get connected:

- Request a nametag (Easy! Fill out a pew card and we'll have one ready for you next Sunday.)
- Receive *First Glance*, our succinct, weekly e-communication about the events of the week. (Just check the box on your pew card and you'll receive next week's issue on Friday.)
- Receive *EVENT*, our e-newsletter (Also available in paper form) that comes out every couple of months. (Yup, check the box on your pew card to sign up.)
- Check out our web site: <http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/>
- Find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchincambridge>
- Watch the Sunday bulletin for information about the many activities and opportunities in our worship and community life.

Please come back and explore the rich worship, spiritual and community life at First Church!

**GET YOUR CIDER DONUTS, MUMS, GOURDS and BULBS** at Fellowship Hour these October Sundays, a fundraiser for RIM (Refugee Immigration Ministry), as we in First Church are continuing to support a persecuted young Muslim woman from Kenya. Also, items are needed for a **Silent Auction** at RIM's Boston Harbor Cruise on October 18. Contact Ruth Hsiao if you have an item to donate.

**CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH** If you haven't yet, please complete the brief online registration ([www.firstchurchcambridge.org/children-youth-program-registration-2015-2016](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/children-youth-program-registration-2015-2016)) for each of your children participating in our Christian Formation programming this year. You'll also provide important info about allergies, permission for photographs and transportation, and contact info so we can stay in touch. You can find a schedule of programs on the Children and Youth pages on our website.

**ANSWERING THE CALL: AN INTERFAITH GATHERING FOR CLIMATE ACTION**  
**Monday, October 12, Welcoming Reception & Sign-in: 6:30 pm, Program: 7:00pm to 9:00 pm, Temple Beth Elohim 10 Bethel Road, Wellesley.** Join this special interfaith event as we share messages of hope, inspiration, and action for healing our world. First Church is a co-sponsor of this event. To RSVP or for more information, visit: [www.tbewellesley.org/climate](http://www.tbewellesley.org/climate). If interested in car-pooling from First Church at 5:30 p.m on October 12, you may contact Susan Redlich at [susan.redlich@gmail.com](mailto:susan.redlich@gmail.com).

**WHO DO WE SAY THAT WE ARE? — A NEW SERIES OF "FAITH IN CONTEXT" CONVERSATIONS** After a rich congregation-wide exploration last Lent of Jesus' question

“Who Do You Say That I Am?,” we want to continue the conversation this season with a focus on “Who Do We Say That We Are?” Who do we say that we are in light of our faith commitments and in light of real concerns that are facing our lives, communities and our planet. Can we bring our faith commitments into conversations about race, about climate change, about gender, about immigration? Please join Dan Smith an upcoming series of one-shot, drop-in conversations (though by all means feel free to attend all). Our first meeting, we will share some faith based reflections on Ta-Nehisi Coates’s recent book, *Between the World and Me*. **We’ll meet in the Hastings Room this Tuesday morning on October 13th at 8 am.** A second session on Coates’ book will be offered on Thursday October 21st at 6 pm. Please join us for one or both!

**COME TO SUPER SATURDAY! October 17.** Right around the corner. What is it? It is the MACUCC’s day of workshops and learning, worship and fellowship. First Church’s own Ellen Rohan Ball and Carter West will be presenting on Mental Health and Spirituality planning for churches, and there are a host of other events. See the MACUCC homepage for a link to sign up. Registration has been extended until Oct 12th at midnight, and fees to attend are low. Hope to see you there!

**MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE UCC. The Palestine Israel Task Team has planned two sessions, on October 18 and November 22,** on the Middle East. Global Missions is focusing on the Middle East beginning this past August and extending into 2016. For two months, a country will be focused on. There will be webinars with our Global Missions partners, Bible studies, and sermons that one can access at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org). In the months of August and September, Syria was the focus. On October 18th at the 10 o'clock hour, the task team has invited Razek Siriani to speak with us. Razek, his wife, and two adolescent sons came from Aleppo in the fall of 2013. Razek belongs to the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and was ordained a lay deacon in 1999. Since 1985 he has worked with the Middle East Council of Churches coordinating the youth programs of Syria. In 2003, Razek was appointed to direct the MECC Department of International & Ecumenical Relations. In preparation for the 18th, we would encourage you to go to the website [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org) -- select RESOURCES, then MIDDLE EAST, then AUGUST to find Razek's compelling sermon Where is God? You are also invited to listen to the 2 webinars and hear from the religious leaders of Syria.

**#OPENGAZA--TRAUMA AND HOPE, FIRST HAND. Saturday, October 24 at 2pm in the Hastings Room.** All are invited to this program featuring Dr. Yasser Abu Jamei, Executive Director of the Gaza Mental Health Program and Ran Goldstein, Executive Director of Physicians for Human Rights-Israel. With much of Gaza in ruins and closed to the outside world, The Gaza Community Mental Health Program attempts to alleviate trauma and instill hope for the future. The Missions and Social Justice Committee has supported the GCMHP for the past several years, and these talks are co-sponsored by the Palestine Israel Task Team of First Church.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM October 25 at 12:30pm in the Hastings Room.** General Synod 30 of the UCC passed a resolution last June entitled "A Call for the UCC to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict". This resolution calls for study of the Kairos Palestine document, certain divestment and boycott actions directed at the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, and commends interfaith dialogue. While not binding on any individual church due to our UCC polity, it was endorsed by 9 conferences as well as the Synod and can be a source of discussion and inspiration. Gay Harter and Linda Ziebell will lead a discussion of the content of the resolution and the process of bringing it to the Synod. Dan Smith will offer comments.

**SUBVERTING THE GOSPEL OF GUNS: A TWO DAY SUMMIT AT ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL October 22 and 23** Andover Newton will host a two-day summit for alumni/ae and friends to participate in an urgent conversation about gun violence in the United States. This gathering will focus on the response by people of faith to the current situation in our country, and will provide action steps for how we can all work together to change the culture of guns and violence in our communities. The event will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, and worship. Boston Mayor Martin J Walsh and Massachusetts Attorney General will offer keynote addresses on Thursday and Friday, respectively. Other speakers will include local police chiefs, policy makers, scholars, activists and clergy, including our own Rev. Dan Smith, who has been a co-convenor of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence and a leader in *Do Not Stand Idly By*, a national campaign that is working with local and state government and law enforcement to demand more of companies they buy guns from. Cost is \$35. Please register for all or part of the event at <http://www.ants.edu/subverting-gospel-of-guns>.

**WEDNESDAY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Christian Meditation is the ancient practice of opening the heart in silence to the indwelling presence of God. Join the circle any Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Lindsay Chapel. No experience is required, but all experience is welcome. Reach Kate Layzer at [klayzer@gmail.com](mailto:klayzer@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more.

**VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIDAY CAFÉ 8 REASONS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIDAY CAFÉ**

- It's a little taste of the reign of God, including donuts.
- It's a great excuse to start the weekend early (how can your employer say no?).
- Change the world, Jesus-style: Eat with people you wouldn't normally be seen with.
- High schoolers: Community service credit!
- The food is really good. (Did we mention donuts?)
- It makes you feel good in your soul.
- It's something you can bring a non-church friend to that you can both enjoy.
- It's love in action.

E-mail Kate Layzer at [klayzer@gmail.com](mailto:klayzer@gmail.com) to volunteer.

*Today's bulletin cover was created by Perry Neubauer.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, October 11

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Budget Review & Preparation for Fall Congregational Meeting, Hastings Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism, Karin Case, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School
- 12:30 p.m. Doris Beauvais Lecture and Luncheon, MJH
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Monday, October 12 (Building Closed in Observance of Federal Holiday)

- 6:30 p.m. Answering the Call: An Interfaith Gathering for Climate Action, Temple Beth Elohim

### Tuesday, October 13

- 8:00 a.m. "Faith in Context" conversation on Ta-Nehisi Coates, Hastings Room
- 7:00 p.m. Faith and Life Small Group, Room 22 (the Well)\*

### Wednesday, October 14

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 4:00 p.m. Building Beloved Community, Dan Smith's office
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Meditation, Lindsay Chapel

### Thursday, October 15

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

### Friday, October 16

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in

### Sunday, October 18

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir, Lindsay Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation: The UCC Middle East Initiative, Hastings Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:20 a.m. Church School
- 12:15 p.m. Newcomers Gathering, McKenzie Library
- 12:30 p.m. Preparation for Fall Congregational Meeting, Hastings Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Room 22 (the Well)
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

\*Small group already in progress. Please contact Karin Case for more information.

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