



**World Communion
Sunday**

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Jesus prayed that we might be one.
One in spirit
One in mission
In union and communion with each other and with God.
- C: **Today, God, we confess fumbleings and failures
in our attempts at accomplishing unity,
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.
On this World Communion Sunday,
give us eyes to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of Christians everywhere, in the eyes of all people.
Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.
Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.
We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 61

When Long Before Time

Church School children are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Books and activity packets may be found in the Children's Worship Book Corner in the North Transept.

IN PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READINGS

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

Reading While Running

Karen McArthur

*HYMN 521

God in Great Love for Us

IN THANKSGIVING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bwana Awabariki

\ Swahili hymn,
arr. Peter Sykes

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

*INVITATION

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you
and with our neighbors near and far.

All: Bless this bread, we pray.

L: May this fruit of the vine remind us
of the interconnectedness of people around the world.

All: Bless this cup, we pray.

L: May this simple meal bring us into union with you,
your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to say:

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer and address God in the language most meaningful to your heart.)

**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.**

*SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome at this table. Please take a piece of bread as it is served to you, and dip it into one of the cups. Red wine will be offered in a clear glass. White grape juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. Persons who for any reason are not able to come forward will be served in the pews. Young and old alike are welcome to share in the gift of holy communion!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks
for what we have received and shared.

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendor of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion:
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

IN WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL

*BENEDICTION

*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,

Thuma mina, somandla

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.

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 Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Assisting with worship is Jennifer Wenz, Ministerial Intern. Our liturgist is First Church Deacon Lindsay Miller. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

The YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED section of the liturgy is omitted in the online version to respect the privacy of those mentioned. For more information on who we are praying for this week, please contact the office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or call 617-547-2724 .

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce paper consumption and be better stewards of the environment, we will no longer be printing weekly bulletin announcements along with the liturgy. Instead, we will print bi-weekly booklets with news, announcements, and calendars, which will be available at the sanctuary entrances. For more information about these and other announcements, please pick up a News and Announcements booklet or visit the Latest News section of the website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

FIRST CHURCH FALL RETREAT 2013 "Revealing Our Life Together" Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, Craigville Retreat Center, Craigville, Cape Cod Over 80 members and friends of First Church are returning this afternoon from the Cape. We look forward to hearing about their time together as a multi-generational community on retreat. You can read more about the retreat and view the weekend's program schedule on our website - check the "Latest News" for details.

FIRST CHURCH BELL CHOIR October 6 at 10 a.m., Choir Room The newly formed First Church Hand Bell Choir rehearses for its debut during the advent season. Old pros and newcomers alike are welcome!

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. If you would like to share a healing prayer, receive an anointing or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known.

OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING THIS SUNDAY As many of our Church School members and leaders are away on retreat this weekend, we are not preparing the usual Outdoor Church offering of three dozen lunches. Instead, our friends at the Church of the Covenant are stepping in to assist us by providing the lunches today. We are thankful to share this ministry with our brothers and sisters across the river.

SPIRITUALITY & MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Sundays at 2 p.m., Tower Room We meet as persons with questions about our inner lives, pursuing wellness, and to consider how our faith and our soundness inform each other. Participation in the group is open to any and all who identify with our purpose. For a warm welcome and to learn more, see Carter West or e-mail him at cartergw24@gmail.com.

HOWARD THURMAN READING GROUP Tuesdays, October 1, 8, and 15, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., Dan Smith's Office Dan Smith leads a new small group this fall focused on the writings of philosopher, theologian, and civil rights leader, Howard Thurman.

UPCOMING 10 AM HOURS Please join various church leaders for starting on October 13 for three 10 am hour conversations about important matters in need of congregation wide discernment. Topics include discussion of proper distribution and storage of our archives, a proposal from our Stewardship Committee about memorial funds, a proposal from our Earth Stewardship team about divestment from fossil fuels, and also a first look at our 2014 budget.

HEALING SERVICE OCTOBER 13 During worship on October 13, we will have an opportunity to reflect together on God's healing peace, and to participate in a simple healing ritual involving a brief prayer, laying on of hands, and for those who wish, anointing with oil — an ancient Christian practice now being revived across the ecumenical spectrum of churches.

SOLUTIONS AT WORK CLOTHING DRIVE Sunday, October 13. You are invited to donate gently used children's clothing, shoes, children's books, and interview appropriate adult clothing. A box will be the Narthex. Clothes go to Solutions at Work, which is partially supported by our Mission and Social Justice committee. For information, call , Alice Kidder at (617) 924-7236.

First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;
To respect and preserve God's earth;
To foster community across every barrier and division;
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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