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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

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

**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**

**October 7, 2012**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

VOLUNTARY

*Toccata*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

\*HYMN 316

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

GREETING IN MANY LANGUAGES

*We are all welcome in God's house,  
and at the Communion table.  
Let us praise God together!*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Karen McArthur

ANTHEM

*Bwana Awabariki*

Swahili hymn

*Bwana awabariki*

*May God grant you a blessing*

TESTIMONY

Jim Stewart

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Susie Neubauer

SILENCE

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 You.

**C: Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in 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.**

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

*All children from PreK to 7th grade are invited to leave at this time to make sandwiches for today's Outdoor Church offering. The children will make the sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall, and return to the service in time for the sandwiches to be blessed with the weekly offering.*

\*HYMN 41

*Sing Amen*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM 8

L: O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C: Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established:

**C: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**C: You have given us dominion over the works of their hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**

L: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**C: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

READING

Luke 24: 13-33

SERMON

Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray*

Mogens Woldike

*O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."  
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.*

*For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.*

*William H. Turton, 1881*

\*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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN 313

*I Come With Joy*

\*INVITATION

Terry McKinney

PREFACE

\*SANCTUS

Ho - ly. Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bles - sed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## 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 words 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. Today, we will serve communion by intinction, which means that the community will be invited to come to the servers at one of several stations at the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and dip it into the cup. Red wine will be offered in a clear glass. White grape juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. Please approach the communion stations from the center aisles, and return to your pews via the side aisles. In the North Transept (opposite the choir), please approach via the aisle closest to the door and return via the other aisle. 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**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ  
giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer:  
Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal.  
Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity.  
Thank you for this day during which  
we can worship and serve you. Amen.**

\*HYMN 381

*In Christ There is No East or West*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Send me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)*

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

*Send me/Lead me/Fill me  
Thuma mina somandla*

VOLUNTARY

*Canzona*

Frescobaldi

*The bulletin cover art series was designed by Perry Neubauer and constructed by many hands, large and small. Today's bulletin cover was created by Campbell Pelton-Cairns, Liam Simons, and Sarah Higginbotham.*

## 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, toddlers and preschoolers 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** Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister. Assisting with worship are Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing and Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Giving today's testimony is Jim Stewart, Shelter Director. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Susie Neubauer. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. The Prayer of Confession is from *A Prayer for World Communion Sunday* by Safiyah Fosua, from the *Africana Worship Book*. The Communion Liturgy is adapted from one by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Missionaries.

he **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER** Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). 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. In addition to healing prayers offered after the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

**OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING** On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and return with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. Speak with Sarah Higginbotham or the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in the ongoing mission project.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PREP SESSIONS: DISCUSSION OF 2013 CHURCH BUDGET, Today, October 7 and Sunday, October 14, 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room** 2011 marked the first year in recent history that the subsequent year's budget was presented to the congregation well before Annual Meeting. To continue the effort to provide transparent church budget information and ample time for discussion, two discussion sessions following Morning Worship will be held on Sundays, October 7 and 14, at 12:30 p.m., in the Hastings Room. *Today, we will also be discussing our vision around hospitality and feeding here at First Church.* Bring your questions. The **Fall Congregational Meeting** will then be held on **Sunday, October 28, at 12:30 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall** for further consideration of the budget.

**PRAYERS AND PEDALS: A GROUP FOR CYCLISTS** For those who've done the Pan-Mass Challenge and those who bike to the closest T Stop, and those whose bikes keep whispering to you from the garage. For those who bike because it's green, because it's fun, because it's convenient, or because it's healthy. For those who ride recumbent and those who unicycle. Weather Permitting, our first gathering will be today - all are welcome. After the forum on budget and hospitality, 1:45 or earlier, join folks at the Garden Street entrance to bike down to Memorial Drive (which is closed to traffic this afternoon) for some fellowship. You may want to bike from there to the Boston Local Food Festival! Interested in future gatherings? Contact Reebee.

**MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room** How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney ([tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org)) or Carter West ([stbosal@arczip.com](mailto:stbosal@arczip.com)).

## **NO ORDINARY TIME: *Fall Adult Formation Opportunities***

With Dan on Sabbatical through January, Reebee Girash serving as Sabbatical Interim Minister, Terry now serving as half-time Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Julie Rogers among us as our Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults, and Brent Coffin as Scholar-in-Residence, this fall and winter will be no ordinary time.

While there are seasons for proclamation, there are also seasons for deep listening. With so much new and changing, we have the chance to shift our awareness to listening deeply for how God is moving in our midst: sometimes stirring us, sometimes asking us to be still, meditating on where God is moving in our lives, the lives of others, and our congregation's future.

To reflect that, the theme of our adult formation activities during this season will be *No Ordinary Time: An Invitation to Listen and Learn*. Our 10 O'clock Hours will offer several opportunities to participate in this theme of listening and learning during a time of change. Starting on September 16th, our offerings will include:

- ◆ *Praying the Psalms*, in the Hastings Room, led by Terry McKinney and others: a six-week gathering to enter the Psalms more deeply, meditating on them, partnering in dialogue about their meaning to us, and praying about how they can and have shaped our lives. If you would like to follow along with the psalms, here they are in the order in which we will be reading them: #16, #42, #51, #116, #103, 46.
- ◆ *Living the Questions Café*, in Margaret Jewett Hall: an opportunity to get to know one another better and explore our faith more deeply, where each week a theme is introduced and shared for meaningful discussion in small groups. Our time each week will close with prayer.

*Theme for Week Four (10/14) - Blessing*

Question for small group discussion: Share a story of someone blessing you with the sense of being a beloved child of God. How do you look for Christ in the people you encounter?

*Scripture: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." - Hebrews 13:2*

**ALL TEENS (8TH - 12TH GRADERS) ARE INVITED TO THE NEWLY-FORMED FCC YOUTH GROUP!** Today, October 7th, we'll be meeting outside FCC at 4 p.m. to head to the Cambridge Friends Quaker Meeting House to talk about "Silence, Spirit and Social Activism" and then we'll stay for their weekly worship (we'll wrap up around 6:15 p.m.). On Sunday, October 21, Laurie Burt will lead us on an urban hike and on Sunday, November 4th, Amy Click will be introducing us to the world of comedy improv! Please email Julie Rogers at [JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org) to join the email list and to learn more!

**SPECIAL NIGHT SONG TONIGHT Sundays in September and October at 8:30 p.m.**

**Sanctuary** Tonight Night Song will feature the music of Hildegard von Bingen in recognition of her being declared the 35th 'doctor of the church' by Pope Benedict XVI on this day. Cristi Catt will lead The Hildegard Project, an ensemble of women's voices, in music from Hildegard's famous morality drama, "Ordo Virtutum," as well as polyphony from the Las Huelgas Codex and other medieval sources. Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179), renowned as the 'Sibyl of the Rhine', was a German writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, Benedictine abbess, visionary and polymath. She wrote theological, botanical and medicinal texts, as well as letters, sacred songs, and poems, while supervising brilliant miniature illuminations. Her "Ordo Virtutum" tells of the struggle of Anima (the Soul) to follow the right path and not yield to the Devil's temptation. Anima calls on the Virtues to come to her aid.

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**BOOK GROUP: HOSPITALITY, FOOD, AND COMMUNION** Our discussion of the first half of Sara Miles' book *Take This Bread* will be on Sunday, October 14 around 1:30 (following the Forum). Contact Reebee (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org) for more info, or if you need a copy of the book.

**SENATORIAL CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION FOR GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION Monday, October 15 at 7 p.m., Temple Israel, (477 Longwood Avenue, Boston)** Don't miss this opportunity to be present for a key event in this nationally-watched Senate race between Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown. Your participation counts! Please confirm your attendance and also if you will need or can offer rides to either Cynthia Shoemaker (ShoemakerCynthia@Yahoo.com) or Karen Anne Zee (Achanx3@Yahoo.com).

**SHELTER LECTURE AND LUNCHEON Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** Immediately following worship on October 21, the 2012 Doris Beauvais luncheon and lecture will be held in Margaret Jewett Hall. This year the lecture will be presented by Amanda Ashcraft, Director of Outreach Ministries at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. There is no charge for either the luncheon or lecture but donations to support the work of the First Church Shelter will be accepted.

**MONTHLY NEWCOMER SESSIONS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:15 P.M.** We are blessed to be graced by many visitors and newcomers to our church community. While we have always held newcomer sessions around a joining Sunday, we will now be offering monthly gatherings with a topical focus. Hopefully this will allow newcomers to get to know one another and to enter into engaging dialogue around topics ranging from our faith journeys to basic tenets of the Christian journey. We will also continue to share information about First Church and the UCC. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue. Please fill a plate with lunch in Margaret Jewett Hall, and bring it with you to the Hastings Room. **The next Newcomer Session is Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. and the next Joining Sunday is October 28.**

**THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP** We are thrilled that Carolyn Wilkins and friends will continue to bring us vibrant and eclectic Jazz, Gospel, and African-American spirituals on the third Sunday of each month. Nancy Weil will continue to work with our staff to resource this service. Whether you are a Jazz regular or a curious newcomer to our afternoon worship, join us for communal prayer and Holy Communion. The next service is **Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.** in **Margaret Jewett Hall** and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

**FIRST CHURCH IS GOING ON THE ROAD! Friday November 9, 8-10 p.m., Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston** Save the date for a special worship experience We are responding to an invitation from the Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston [www.iglesiabautistaboston.com](http://www.iglesiabautistaboston.com) to provide an FCC-style worship experience for them in their fall season of worship exchange. Reebee Girash, Peter Sykes, Ellen Rohan Ball and others in collaboration with the Building the Beloved Community are beginning to plan this. The HBCB is a Spanish-speaking immigrant church that meets in the basement of Tremont Temple in downtown Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship with brothers and sisters of different backgrounds and cultures, to learn a little about them and show how we worship as well. You will hear more about this event; for questions speak to Ellen or Reebee. Please email Ellen ([erohanball@aol.com](mailto:erohanball@aol.com)) if you plan to attend as the Baptist church will host a light supper after worship. The music for this event will be important, and WE INVITE YOU to speak with Peter Sykes if you'd like to participate in the choir for this event! Hasta luego, amados!

### GET INVOLVED

**SABBATICAL UPDATE** Senior Minister Dan Smith is on sabbatical through January 31, 2013. Our Sabbatical Interim Minister is Reebee Girash. She can be reached at church or by email or phone, and she invites you into thoughtful conversation during this season. Reebee and Terry McKinney will be jointly working to coordinate pastoral care. For pastoral emergencies please note that an on-call number is listed in Reebee's outgoing voicemail. For further details on Dan's sabbatical, see the brochure and recent Event Newsletters.

**RIM/CAMBRIDGE** urgently needs a two-bedroom, lead-free apartment in or near Boston for a recently-arrived Iraqi refugee family staying temporarily with a relative. Maximum rent \$1200. Contact Pauline Fennel ([paulinefennel@alum.syracuse.edu](mailto:paulinefennel@alum.syracuse.edu)) or Ann Curby ([ann\\_curby@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](mailto:ann_curby@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu))

**NO ORDINARY DINNER!** It's fall, and time to launch a new round of our wildly successful Covenant Dinners. Enjoy food, fellowship and conversation with other First Church folks in a home setting. Get to really know someone you may have just seen in church or at coffee hour. We need hosts to start the ball rolling for the next year. Please get in touch with Dave Kidder ([flintkiddr@aol.com](mailto:flintkiddr@aol.com); 617-924-7236) or Beth Loomis ([haas.d@comcast.net](mailto:haas.d@comcast.net); 781-646-4780) if you'd like to host a dinner. Once we have a few dinners scheduled, we'll begin signing up diners at coffee hour. Thanks!

**MEMBERS' AREA SECTION OF CHURCH WEBSITE** The members' area section of the website is up and running! Please visit the First Church's homepage and click the link that says *Members Area* to login and try it out. Whether you have been a part of our congregation for a few weeks or for a lifetime, as an official member or a friend, you are welcome to sign on for access to our church directory, prayer requests, a First Church blog, small group announcements, board minutes, budgets, and more. Update contact information, post photos and also email each other through our site (note: actual email addresses remain hidden). Your information will not be accessible to anyone but members and friends of our community. Please login and check it out!

**GOT GIFTS?!!!! FIRST CHURCH COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS** Curious and interested about what First Church committees actually do? Wondering whether one of them is for you? You are invited to attend one or several OPEN HOUSE committee meetings listed below. Each group will be holding a regular meeting, working as it usually does to carry out a First Church ministry. So drop in, observe and participate. All are welcome!!

- ◆ **Fellowship** Sunday, Oct. 7, 12:30 p.m. Hastings Room  
Carol Wilson-Braun and Joanne Paul, Co-Chairs  
Open discussion and feedback session about FC hospitality--How are we doing in living out our vision of hospitality? What do we want for the future? (Combined with a budget meeting.)
- ◆ **Stewardship** Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Reebee's/Dan's Office  
Marian Smith and Beth Loomis Haas, Co-Chairs  
Planning Fall activities, including stewardship campaign
- ◆ **Arts & Communication** Sunday, Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m. Room 204  
Perry Neubauer, Chair  
Discuss report on archives, new church logo, upcoming exhibition in the Tower Room, and date for First Church Musicale.
- ◆ **Missions & Social Justice** Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. Hastings Room  
Alice Kidder and Jean Miller, Co-Chairs
- ◆ **Christian Formation for Children & Youth** Sunday, November 4,  
12:30 p.m. First Church  
Discuss future programs such as Advent workshop; discuss updating safe-church policy to address social media

Please let the committee chairs or any member of the Gifts Discernment Committee know if you have any questions, suggestions and feedback. *Ann McCann and Jenny Stuart, Co-Chairs; Audrey Bellinger, Devin Hansen, Pauline Fennel and Stephen Weller, Gifts Discernment/Nominating Committee*

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## 2ND ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL 2012



Three Friday Evenings: Sept. 28, Oct 12, and 19

Three different, inspiring films showcase just such acts of courage and will leave you filled with hope! Come to one or all three. Brought to you by The Mission and Social Justice Committee, the Palestine/Israel Task Team, and the Beloved Community, whose members will lead post-film discussions. Each film will begin at 7 PM in Margaret Jewett Hall. Refreshments will be served.

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man (sic) stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he/she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." —Robert F. Kennedy.



**September 28**  
**Home Front:**  
Portraits from  
Sheikh Jarrah

Four video portraits chronicling the resolve of a neighborhood in East Jerusalem and the support it receives from the most unexpected of places. A Palestinian teenager, an American born Israeli mother, a Palestinian community organizer and a former Israeli soldier non-violently resist the takeover of a neighborhood by Israeli settlers.



**October 12**  
**Kinyarwanda:**

Forgiveness is Freedom  
Winner of many prizes in film festivals this is the moving story of acts of courage and community during the Rwandan genocide. Directed by Alrick Brown, Kinyarwanda is based on true accounts from survivors who took refuge in the mosques opened to them by local imams. The Missions and Social Justice Committee has invited the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center to participate in the showing of this film with a possibility it will also be shown there.

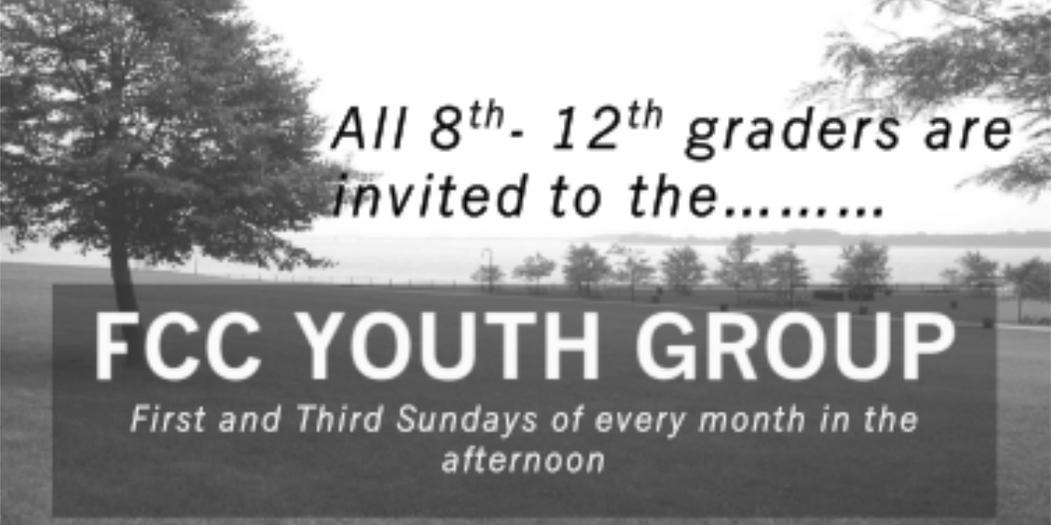


**October 19**  
**Can We Talk:**

Learning from  
Boston's Busing/  
Desegregation Crisis  
Commissioned by the Union of Minority Neighborhoods this film aspires to prompt a long over-due conversation about public education and racism, classism and social injustices that have plagued not only the Boston public schools, but the city of Boston as a community. Made by media producer Scott Mercer, the film contains many powerful stories of ordinary people. Donna Bivens, coordinator of the Boston Busing/Desegregation Project at UMN will be with us to lead the discussion.



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*All 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the.....*

## **FCC YOUTH GROUP**

*First and Third Sundays of every month in the afternoon*

### ***Spirit, Silence and Social Activism: A Visit to the Cambridge Friends Meeting House***

Sunday, October 7, 4:00- 6:30 pm

We'll meet outside First Church at 4 pm and walk over to experience Quaker worship at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House. We'll also talk with John Bach, Quaker chaplain to Harvard University about meditation and activism. Parents can pick their kids up back at First Church at 6:30.

### **Urban Hike to Castle Island**

Sunday, October 21, 1:00- 5:45 pm

Laurie Burt will lead us on a hike through the beautiful Castle Island where we'll explore, have fun, and also learn a thing or two about it's social and ecological history. We'll leave from First Church at 1 pm and we'll travel by T to begin our hike. We'll be back at First Church by 5:45! Rain date: November 4th

### **Comedy Improv Workshop**

Sunday, November 4, 4:00- 5:30 pm

Does improv comedy have anything to do with spirituality? Join ImprovBoston and FCC's own Amy Click to find out! We'll meet in Margaret Jewett Hall.



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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, October 7

#### World Communion Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Communion, A time for healing prayer offered immediately following the service) Reebee Girash, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School classes for grades PreK-7 (Outdoor Church sandwich-making)
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting Prep Session, Hastings Room
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 1:45 p.m. Prayers and Pedals Group, meet at 11 Garden Street entrance
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, meet in front of First Church
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Monday, October 8

First Church office and building closed in observance of Columbus Day

### Wednesday, October 10

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Senior Minister's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room
- 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Senior Minister's Office

### Thursday, October 11

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

### Friday, October 12

- 7:00 p.m. Social Justice Film Festival, MJH

### Sunday, October 14

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, A Service of Healing Prayer, Terry McKinney, leading
- 11:20 a.m. Church School classes for grades PreK-7
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting Prep Session, Hastings Room
- 1:30 p.m. Book Group, Hastings Room
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Senior Minister's Office
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

## 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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