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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

April 15, 2012

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

VOLUNTARY

*HYMN 407

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*GREETING

James Greaney

L: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, may the grace, mercy and peace of God be yours.

C: May the new life and living hope of Christ be yours.

L: Friends, Easter is come! Morning is broken!

C: Christ is risen, risen as he said!

L: Let us rejoice and be glad!

C: Let us give thanks and praise!

L: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**C: Gracious God, giver of new life,
by the strength of your love,
by the gentleness of your power,
resurrect our spirits to wonder
our minds to curiosity,
our hearts to joy.
Here in this place,
now in this time,
raise us up, O God,
to live so that we may know you,
and to know you so that we may live! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANTHEM

The Creator Has a Master Plan

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

**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.*

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN (*insert*) *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

*Children from PreK to 8th grade are invited to leave after the hymn for a creative arts project.
Parents can meet their children in Margaret Jewett Hall after worship.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nancy Weil

RESPONSIVE PSALM 118: 19-29

- L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to God.
- C: This is the gate of God;
 the righteous shall enter through it.**
- L: I thank you that you have answered me
 and have become my salvation.
- C: The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.**
- L: This is the Holy One's doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C: This is the day that God has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L: Save us, we beseech you, O God!
 O God, we beseech you, give us success!
- C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
 We bless you from the house of God.**
- L: The Lord is God,
 and has given us light.
- C: Bind the festal procession with branches,
 up to the horns of the altar.**
- L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God, I will extol you.
- C: O give thanks to God, for God is good,
 the Holy One's steadfast love endures for ever.**

READING

John 20: 19-33

Children from PreK to 8th grade are invited to leave after the hymn for their Church

SERMON

Dan Smith

*HYMN *(insert)* *The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Hosanna* Mary Lou Williams

*EASTER DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess;
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

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.)

**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.**

*HYMN *(insert)* *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

*BLESSING OUR MUSICIANS

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

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Glory, Glory Hallelujah

*GLORIA

1. Glory, glory hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.
2. Binding up the brokenhearted,
Since I laid my burden down.
Building up the ancient ruins,
Since I laid my burden down.

Repeat first verse

The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow

T. A. D.

THOMAS A. DORSEY

Moderato

1. Like a ship that's toss'd and driv-en, Battered by an an - gry sea,
 2. Try to do my best in serv-ice, Try to live the best I can,
 3. Of - ten there's mis-un - der-stand-ing Out of all the good I do,

When the storms of life are rag - ing And their fu - ry falls on me,
 When I choose to do the right thing, Ev - il's pre - sent on ev - 'ry hand,
 Go to friends for con - so - la - tion And I find them complaining too,

I won - der what I have done That makes this race so hard to run,
 I look up and won - der why That good for - tune pass me by,
 So man - y nights I toss in pain, Won - der - ing what the day will bring,

Then I say to my soul, take cour-age, The Lord will make a way some-how.
 Then I say to my soul, be pa - tient, The Lord will make a way some-how.
 But I say to my heart, don't wor-ry, The Lord will make a way some-how.

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The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow

CHORUS

The Lord will make a way some - how, When be-neath the cross I
some-how,

bow; He will take a-way each sor - row, Let Him have your
I bow; way each sor - row,

bur-dens now; When the load bears down so heav-y The
all your bur - dens; down so heav-y,

weight is shown up - on my brow, There's a sweet re-lief in
on my brow,

know-ing, O The Lord will make a way some - how.
in know - ing, some-how.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
 10 9, 10 9 with Refrain

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 hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. (Follow the crowd.) 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 speak to one of the ministers after church, or visit us on the web at www.firstchurchcambridge.org

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Activity packets for children's use during worship are also available near the sanctuary doors. Nursery care for infants and toddlers (through age 4) is located down the hallway and up four stairs to the door on the right. The worship service is also broadcast in the Hastings Room, across from the sanctuary entrance.

PREACHING TODAY IS Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are First Church member and Jazz Worship leader Nancy Weil, and Terry McKinney, Affiliate Minister of Mental Health Outreach. Our liturgist is James Greaney, First Church clerk. Louise Munding is playing the organ and Jazz Worship leader Carolyn Wilkins is playing the piano. Ricardo Monzon is playing percussion and Thomas Hebb is playing bass.

The **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 or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Our recent 11 a.m. Third-Sunday Jazz Worship received a vibrant reception. Due to the positive response, we are happy to welcome Carolyn Wilkins back to Morning Worship. Today is the final Sunday before Peter Sykes returns to the organ console after his successful shoulder surgery. Carolyn will join Louse Mundinger (both of whom we are grateful to for sharing their musical gifts with us during Peter's absence) for a worship service that will blend aspects of both our traditional Morning Worship and Jazz Vespers services. There will be no evening Jazz Vespers today.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND MARCH LISTENING SESSIONS SUMMARY At 12:30 pm next Sunday, April 22nd, we will gather for our congregational meeting to vote on Terry McKinney's ordination. In addition, leaders of our March after church listening sessions will be offering a summary of those conversations and making some suggestions for next steps as we look ahead to fall. Please join us for these important conversations. All are welcome, even if you missed the March listening sessions. A light lunch will be provided

FIRST CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE Our brand new website is now "live". Please click on www.firstchurchcambridge.org to check it out! Don't miss photos of the congregation, audio recordings of music and sermons, video on the Havruta, History, Shelter and Special Music pages, a monthly calendar, a latest news and a 'take action' button on every page to keep you up-to-date on social justice efforts. Special thanks to Alicia Pritt and Theory One Design and to many First Church members who have made this site possible! Be sure to share our web address with all your friends. Also, please be sure to "like" our new Facebook and/or link to our new Google + pages. And please stay tuned—we are still adding features, pages and events.

INTRODUCTORY SHOWING OF "CENTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD" Two Sundays, April 22 and 29, 10 a.m., Hastings Room
This course was developed by Father Thomas Keating, a leading proponent of Christian contemplative prayer, and the founder of the international organization, Contemplative Outreach. Several congregation members have viewed the course, donated to First Church, at home (6 DVD's, a workbook, and other material). Based on their enthusiasm, and general interest in Christian contemplative prayer within First Church, highlights of this course will be presented in two interactive sessions, as a Christian Formation activity. For more information, contact Stan Goldin (stan_goldin@hms.harvard.edu)

TRAUMA AND GRACE What faith practices do we have that can help us to hold and make meaning of current and past traumas? What role can forgiveness play and what are some other options for healing? Some resources have been prepared to help individuals deal with these very issues. If you would like a copy of these resources or would like to explore the subject further, please contact Dan Smith (dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Terry McKinney (temckinney@msn.com)

STAFF EVALUATIONS STARTING UP The process of staff evaluations has begun. Members of committees assigned to carry out each evaluation will send questionnaires to representative groups from the congregation with a request that you return the evaluation to a particular person on that team. If you receive an evaluation form know that we very much depend on your experience and opinion and hope you will fill out the form and return it to the designated person by the deadline. This is a vital part of the support we offer our staff and your input will be invaluable. Thanks in advance to all of you who do participate!

HILDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at First Church. Rabbi Brian Walt of Tikkun v'Or Congregation in Ithaca will speak on "Affirming a Judaism and Jewish Identity without Zionism: A Personal/Spiritual/Ethical Journey." Rabbi Walt is the founding Rabbi of Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, former executive director of Rabbis for Human Rights--North America, and co-founder of Taanit Tzadek--Jewish Fast for Gaza. Sponsored by American Jews for a Just Peace and the Palestine-Israel Task Team of First Church. Come and welcome Rabbi Walt to First Church.

HEALING EARTH DINNER, WITH BILL MCKIBBEN First Church in Cambridge, Thursday, April 26 Join Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM) and First Church in welcoming internationally recognized founder of 350.org, Bill McKibben, Thursday, April 26. CMM plans an interfaith worship service, beginning at 5:00 p.m., on the banks of the Charles River (near JFK Street), followed by a walk/bike ride through Harvard Square, and concluding with a "locavore" dinner and address at First Church, at 6:30 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall.

COME TO A TALK BY HOPEWELL GUMBO On Friday, April 27th First Church welcomes directly from Zimbabwe, Hopewell Gumbo, a spokesperson for the Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development. (ZIMCODD) His speaking at First Church is the first stop on a national US tour, sponsored by JubileeUSA. Please come to hear the impact of global debt on nations eager for economic growth and development. Mr. Gumbo is a leading human rights, social and economic justice activist and political analyst. Currently he is Senior Program Officer with ZIMCODD. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a wonderful potluck supper, with the talk beginning at 7:30 p.m. (both are in Margaret Jewett Hall.) Please come, and bring a friend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM April 29 at 12:30 p.m. Consider joining a delegation to Israel/Palestine. Come to hear about the active peace making sponsored by Interfaith Peace Builders when Mike Daly, Program Coordinator, and members of former delegations come to speak to us. IFPB delegations bear witness to the every day violence of war and occupation in Israel-Palestine and learn from those committed to nonviolent struggle, human rights and peace with justice. IFPB then empowers delegates to become forces for change in their own communities. To learn more visit their website at www.interfaithpeacebuilders.org. If you might be interested in going contact Gay Harter at asharter@verizon.net.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS -- GET VOCAL! The Boston Children's Chorus (BCC) brings kids together from all over the Boston area -- inner city kids, suburban kids, kid who might never have had the opportunity to meet -- and offers them the opportunity to harmonize socially, through a shared love of music. BCC singers perform around Boston, as well as nationally and internationally, sharing the kids of experiences that will shape their lives forever. Auditions for the 2012-2013 season will take place on May 11 and May 12 at the BCC South End office, and at area schools and community organizations. For more information, visit www.bostonchildrenschorus.org or talk to Julian or Nellie Baxandall!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PURITAN TO GO ON A "PURITAN ROOTS" TOUR! The Congregational Library is offering a 12-day tour (June 18-20) that traces the path traveled by the Puritans who settled New England -- only in reverse. It begins in Salem, Mass., and winds up in East Anglia, the area northwest of London where many of the Puritans came from. In Old England, the tour includes London, Cambridge, Ipswich and other Puritan sites as well as some fun side trips to places such as the Viking ruins in Sutton Hoo. For more information, go to http://www.ipswichtours.com/east_anglia.html or contact Janet at Olde Ipswich Tours, 978-356-5163.

CALL TO APRIL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the April Congregational Meeting of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, United Church of Christ will be held in its 376th year at 12:15 P.M. Sunday the 22nd of April 2012, in the Margaret Jewett Hall on Garden Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the following purposes.

1. Executive Council recommends that the congregation vote to call Terry McKinney to an ordained half-time position as the Minister of Mental Health and Healing for a period of no less than 24 months.
2. No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of Executive Council,

James Greaney, Clerk
Cambridge, Massachusetts
26 March 2012

RECOMMENDATION TO CALL MINISTER OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALING

Mental Health and Spirituality Background

Terry McKinney arrived at First Church in September of 2007 to serve as the Ministerial Intern. In mid-winter of that year, he proposed a program for a group to run through Lent of 2008 to speak about mental and emotional struggles and lives of faith within a church setting. The response of the attendees was considered enough to warrant continuing the group. Though originally intended for First Church members only, people from outside the church attend as well. Of these, at least three attendees have subsequently joined First Church. In September of 2009, the Ministerial Internship ended, and a new position of Affiliate Minister for Mental Health Outreach was formed. The five hours per week position included facilitating the group, meeting regularly with Carter West, as well as participating in staff meetings and assisting in worship leadership once per month.

Pleasant Street Legacy Gift

In the fall of 2010, Pleasant Street Church in Arlington, where Terry maintained his membership, discerned that it would close. At PSCC's request, a proposal was made in conjunction with First Church that a portion of the proceeds from the building's sale would fund an ordainable call for at least two years, as well as support the mental health ministry by way of general advocacy and the development of more groups. In January of 2011, Pleasant Street voted to award 15 percent of the sales' proceeds for an ordainable call, meeting Massachusetts Conference compensation guidelines. Pleasant Street closed in February of 2011, and the building's sale currently looks imminent. At First Church's 2011 Annual Meeting, there was a strong sense of the meeting that First Church would gratefully receive this legacy gift and abide by its parameters.

Expansion of Hours

In September of 2011, the Minister of Spiritual Formation took a four-month leave from the church; thirteen hours per week were added to Terry's position in order to assist the church in meeting its needs and to support the Senior Pastor during that time, for a total of eighteen hours weekly. After the leave became a departure, this configuration of time has continued.

Ordainable Call Proposal

At their March 26th meeting, the First Church Executive Council voted unanimously to recommend that two hours be added to Terry's current ministry and that First Church call Terry to be our half-time, ordained Minister of Mental Health and Healing. The twenty hours per week would be divided between the mental health ministry and pastorally-centered work for First Church (i.e. leading worship 2x/month, periodic preaching and teaching, coordinating Pastoral Care Teams and offering assistance with pastoral care). This division will regularly fluctuate in response to more immediate needs in either area. To meet the spirit of the Legacy Gift, Terry will continue to run the current Mental Health and Spirituality Group, as well as extend that ministry to other area churches through the creation of more mental health and faith groups, and other forms of advocacy.

SMALL GROUP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP There are now regular monthly Jazz services! After experimenting with a variety of worship formats last year, it became clear that our Jazz service has the greatest draw and staying power. We are thrilled that Carolyn Wilkins and friends will continue to bring us vibrant and eclectic Jazz, Gospel, and African-American spirituals. Nancy Weil will continue to work with our staff to resource this service. The next service is **Sunday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.** in **Margaret Jewett Hall** and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Every **Sunday through April 29 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary** Bask in the beauty of Renaissance polyphony, Gregorian chant, introspective modal improvisations by jazz musicians, incense and icons. Participation in Night Song, about an hour in length, is through listening and silent prayer. It is not meant to be a performance, but rather a transference – a medium for achieving inner peace, centering and spiritual renewal. Set apart from the sights, sounds, and values of current culture, Night Song helps participants enter an inner mystical silence. You are invited and encouraged to attend and to tell others about this new opportunity at First Church.

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 today at 12:30 p.m.**

MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP 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 (temkinney@msn.com) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Family Night continues **every other Tuesday evening, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., in Sage Hall.** Parents and children gather for a simple potluck supper, some active play in the indoor play space, and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. If you have young kids and are looking for an easy weeknight dinner plan with friends, join us! Family Night is a wonderful way for families with children to spend time together outside of the Sunday morning routine. While most families who attend have preschool-aged children, families with older children are welcome as well! The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The next few family Family Nights are scheduled for April 17, May 1 and May 15.

The Week Ahead

Today, Sunday, April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (No Christian Formation this week)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Creative Arts (PreK–Grade 8)
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Lunch, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 17

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall

Wednesday, April 18

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 3:00 p.m. Missions & Social Justice Committee, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group, Dan Smith's office

Thursday, April 19

- 10:30 a.m. Building the Beloved Community, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Sunday, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Kate Layzer, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School Classes (PreK-Grade 8)
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting and Lunch, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, 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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